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No. 729, dated Calcutta, the 30th May 1885.

From—J. G. G. GRANT, ESQ., M.D., Superintendent of Emigration,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the report on inland emigration for the year ending the 31st December 1884.

REPORT ON INLAND EMIGRATION FOR THE YEAR 1884.

SECTION I.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

A SPECIAL report on the working of the Inland Emigration Act, I of 1882, during the three years 1882, 1883, and 1884 having been required by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, Government called for a report on the subject in its relation to Bengal, and accordingly steps were at once taken in communication with district officers to collect the necessary information with a view to the preparation and submission of the desired report as soon as possible after the close of the year 1884.

Special report on the working of Act I of 1882.

2. In connection with the administration of the labour transport fund, created by section 192 of Act I of 1882, and the proposal already sanctioned that the funds raised under that Act in Bengal, Assam, and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh respectively should be independently administered by each local Government, another report was called for on the question whether still further reductions in the existing scale of charges against the Bengal portion of the fund might not be effected. Accordingly the desired report was submitted for the information of Government in February 1884, embodying several suggestions with the object of relieving, as far as possible, the Bengal division of the fund of a portion of its charges As the proposals recommending a reduction of conveyance allowance, in consequence of the abolition of the appointment of Inspector of Depôts, and a reduction of the charges in connection with the Goalundo office establishment were approved by Government, they were brought into operation during the course of the year under report, while the proposed appointment of a single Medical Inspector for both inland and Colonial Emigration, also approved, was kept in view in compliance with the instructions received on the subject.

Administration of the labour transport fund, and the separation of its receipts and charges in Bengal and Assam.

It may here be noticed that the sanction of the Government of India to the separation of the receipts and charges in Bengal and Assam respectively, in connection with the fund, took effect from the 1st of April 1884.

3. Early in 1884 Government had under consideration the adoption of precautionary measures against the probable recurrence of cholera amongst garden sardars' coolies while passing through Mugra and Kanchrapara on their way to the labour districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet. Accordingly, under instructions from Government, and in communication with the Magistrate of Hooghly, arrangements were set on foot in April 1884 for the medical inspection at Mugra of all sardari coolies travelling by that route, and, when necessary, for the treatment at that place of any amongst them found to be suffering from cholera or too ill to continue the journey. In order to carry out the above arrangements properly the sanction of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was accorded to the erection at Mugra of a hospital shed for the accommodation of sick coolies and for the employment, in connection with the hospital, of a medical officer and two subordinates during five months of the year, from the 15th of January to the 15th of June inclusive, when inland emigration is usually most active and cholera is unfortunately most prevalent.

Arrangements at Mugra for medical inspection and treatment, when needful, of sardari coolies passing through that place for the labour districts.

4. In July last the question was raised, in correspondence received from the Chief Commissioner of Assam, as to whether some check might not be exercised at Goalundo to prevent native masters of unlicensed boats from carrying labourers to Sylhet and Cachar in excess of the number (20) legally permitted. It was shewn, however, that the violation of the law in this respect was confined to masters of boats conveying coolies either in charge of garden sardars, or proceeding as free emigrants; that such overcrowded shipments were made beyond the control of the Embarkation Agent at Goalundo, who, fully alive to the irregularity and its attending evils, had already put forward every effort legally in his power to remedy them, but that, notwithstanding his efforts, precisely as such offenders were able with easy impunity to evade control at Sylhet by landing their coolies at places beyond the supervision of the local authorities there, so also were they able with still greater ease to evade control at Goalundo by embarking their coolies at places beyond the supervision of the local authorities at that place. Suggestions, however, were submitted for the consideration of Government, embodying all that could be legally enforced under the existing law towards a reduction of the evils brought to notice by the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

Overcrowding amongst garden sardars' coolies and free emigrants travelling in unlicensed country boats to Cachar and Sylhet.

5. Not long after, during the month of October, in a further communication from the Chief Commissioner of Assam, attention was drawn to the excessive mortality from cholera, especially during the months of March, April, and May, among coolies proceeding in country boats to Cachar and Sylhet; and looking to the probability that impure drinking water, due to defilement of river banks in the Surma valley, had much to do with the appearance of the disease, measures were recommended for adoption in order to bring unlicensed country boats proceeding to those districts under effectual control, and to ensure a supply of good water in them, with the object of reducing, as far as possible, the mortality attending their passengers on the journey.

Recommendations of the Chief Commissioner of Assam for reducing mortality from cholera among coolies proceeding in country boats to Cachar and Sylhet.

In view of the difficulty that the Inland Emigration Act does not provide for any interference with the liberty permitted to small batches of sardari coolies and to free emigrants to travel as they please, the recommendations of the Chief Commissioner, and the questions to which they gave rise in connection with the existing law, were under the consideration of Government when the year closed.

SECTION II.

RECRUITMENT.

RECRUITING AGENCIES.

(a)—Contractors.

Serial number	NAMES OF CONTRACTORS	LICENSES.			Situation of depôts.	REMARKS
		Date of grant.		Date of cancellation or termination		
		Renewed licenses	Original licenses			
1	Baboo J N Dutt ...	18th February 1884	Nil	.. .	Sealdah	General contractor
2	Mr R Hendry .	3rd March ,,		..	Entally ..	Ditto
3	Baboo A T Mookerjee	12th May ,,		...	Goalundo ..	Ditto
4	Mr. O B. Andrews ...	28th ,,		....	Entally ..	Ditto
5	Baboo B. P Mitter ...	24th June ,,		.....	Sealdah .	Ditto.
6	Mr. V Harvey ...	24th September ,,			Ditto .	Ditto
7	Baboo K M Chatterjee	Not renewed ...		Terminated 27th April 1884.	No depôt ..	No longer a contractor.

As Baboo K. M. Chatterjee did not work, only six contractors, as in 1883, carried on recruiting operations during the year. It is necessary

to observe, however, that looking to the numerous alleged desertions during the previous year from amongst Baboo A. T. Mookerjee's coolies, his license was renewed only on condition that he would establish a depôt in Calcutta, in order to exercise better control here over his business. Moreover, no fresh recruiting licenses were granted on his behalf until he had furnished, for the information of Government, an explanation regarding the desertions above noticed and had completed his depôt arrangements at Calcutta.

(b)—Recruiters.

Serial number.	Names of contractors for whom the recruiters were licensed	During the Year 1884.									Total number of emigrants recruited	Average number collected by each recruiter.
		Number of licenses granted to recruiters.	Licenses cancelled									
			For misconduct.		At contractor's request		At recruiter's request.		Total number.	Percentage to total cancellation.		
			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.				
1	Baboo J N Dutt	54	1	1 85					1	1 85	1,162	21 89
2	Mr R. Hendry	26									622	23 92
3	Baboo A T Mookerjee	21									2,104	100 19
4	Mr O B Andrews	35									1,178	33 66
5	Baboo H P Mitter	23									528	22 95
6	Mr. V. Harvey	42									1,123	26 73
	Total	211	1	0 47					1	0 47	7,081	33 55

There was a further reduction during the year in the number of recruiting licenses granted on behalf of contractors, as only 211 were issued in 1884, against 473 in 1883, or 262 less than that of the previous year. It is again noticeable that the average number of coolies recruited by each recruiter exceeded that of the previous year, being more than double the number for 1883, or as 33·55 to 15. The recruiters under Baboo A. T. Mookerjee attained the highest average number, and he explains this by stating that he had received "an order for 3,000 coolies of all sorts, *i.e.* Junglis, Bengalis, and Khotas," and that he did his best to carry it out; whereas contractors who had to depend more or less on the chance of obtaining employment for the coolies collected by them had to work more cautiously, and could not in their comparative uncertainty afford to recruit more at a time than they had reason to believe they could dispose of within a reasonable period. This explanation may in some measure account for the relatively larger number recruited by Baboo A. T. Mookerjee's recruiters, but it fails to explain the steady increase in the average number collected by recruiters in general, and the inference is that they all availed themselves to a greater extent than before of the assistance afforded by unlicensed recruiters.

Recruiting operations on behalf of licensed contractors appear on the whole to have been properly conducted, and only one license had to be cancelled for misconduct, the recruiter concerned having been convicted by the Sub-divisional Officer of Giridi "of assault and attempt to take coolies into his depôt against their will"

I would here notice, however, briefly the result of the proceedings taken against an unlicensed man named Yasuff Patwar, also known as "Ishur Chunder," or "Ishur Baboo." Though the offence with which he was charged was committed during the previous year 1883, time was unavoidably occupied in tracing Ishur Chunder, and in arranging for the return from Sylhet of the necessary witnesses in the case. He was prosecuted on the 7th of October last in the court of the Presidency Magistrate of the Northern Division of Calcutta with reference to the complaint of two Bengali women, who stated that he had deceived them, and induced them to emigrate to Sylhet in 1883 under false promises. They had been registered in the 24-Pergunnahs for Baboo J. N. Dutt's depôt, and on their arrival at Sylhet represented to the Deputy Commissioner there that they had been led to believe by Ishur Baboo that they would be required to work, not on a tea garden, but privately as maid-servants. In this case both the women having

been transmitted through a contractor's depôt had been specially warned by me, as all female intending emigrants are, before they signed their contracts, against placing the slightest reliance on any secret inducements that may have been held out to them by designing persons interested in their recruitment; but they, nevertheless, maintained reticence, not only before me, but also subsequently before the Embarkation Agent at Goalundo, and it was only on their arrival at Sylhet that they realized their position, believed themselves to have been duped, and complained to the Deputy Commissioner at that place

Under Government orders the contractor was required to redeem the contracts of the women and return them to their homes The depôt agent who managed the contractor's business was dismissed, and the contractor, who had been an invalid for some time, was warned that unless there was marked improvement in the conduct of his work by the new agent, the renewal of his license as a contractor would be refused. Yasuff Patwar, however, though identified, escaped punishment in the absence of sufficient evidence to convict him.

This case serves to illustrate the persistently obtuse manner in which poor native women of the labouring classes will rely on the flattering assurances of recruiters to the rejection of all explanations and advice, however carefully given by Government officials appointed to protect their interests and to place the simple facts of their position clearly before them.

(*c*)—*Local Agents.*

Names of employers and of agents through whom employees obtained licenses for their local agents.	Number of licenses.		Local area of recruitment.
	Granted	Cancelled.	
Messrs. Schoene, Kilburn and Co.	1	.....	Hazaribagh and Pachamba.
,, Young and Co	1	.....	Mozufferpore
,, Begg, Dunlop and Co , Octavius Steel and Co.; Whitney Brothers and Co.; Williamson, Magor and Co.; Finlay, Muir and Co.; D. L. Cowie and Co; Agra Bank, Macneill and Co.; Grindlay and Co; Gillanders, Arbuthnot and Co; George Henderson and Co; Andrew Yule and Co.; Hoare, Miller and Co., Lloyd and Co	14	.....	Burdwan, Raneegunge, Singhbhoom, Bankoora, Beerbhoom, Dumka, Shahabad, Deoghur, Gya, Midnapore, Lohardugga, Hazaribagh, Manbhoom, Monghyr, Rajmehal, Chota Nagpore, Pachamba, Jamalpore, and Sonthal Pergunnahs.
Messrs. Balmer, Lawrie and Co , Bird and Co , Finlay, Muir and Co.; and Young and Co.	17	.....	Beerbhoom, Burdwan, Singbhoom, Arrah, Buxar, Midnapore, Deoghur, Gya, Patna, Durbhunga, Hazaribagh, Ghazipore, Balasore, Cuttack, Monghyr, Gobindpore, Pachamba, Dumka, Sumbalpore, Manbhoom, Bankoora, and Raneegunge.
Total ...	33	.....	

Although the number of garden sardars employed under local agents during the past year was 981 in excess of the number so employed in 1883, the number of local agents licensed in 1884 was 13 less than in 1883, shewing clearly that the tendency on the part of employers to reduce the number of their agents, and to increase that of the sardars working under their supervision, to which reference was made in the last annual report, was still more marked in the year under review. The arrangement is doubtless a more economical one, and, if it be found to work satisfactorily in other respects, does not appear to be open to objection, considering the apparently good results obtained.

(*d*)—*Garden Sardar Recruiters.*

Year.	Number of certificates granted.	Number of sardars under local agents.	Number of certificates cancelled.
1884	3,183	3,063	None.

The number of garden sardars authorized to recruit rose to 286 in excess of the number for the previous year; and the following figures shew the steadily increasing popularity of this mode of obtaining labourers—

Year.	Number of certificates granted to garden sardars.
1881	1,721
1882	2,329
1883	2,897
1884	3,183

It is satisfactory to find that none of the garden sardars who worked during 1884 were deprived of their licenses for misconduct.

(e)—Intending Emigrants and their dependents.

Year.	Recruited by licensed recruiters on behalf of contractors. Registered for transmission through licensed depôts.			Recruited by garden sardars.	Total number registered.
	Vid Calcutta for Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.	*Vid* Goalundo for Cachar and Sylhet.	Total.	Transmitted *vid* Goalundo, Kooshtea, or other routes, exclusive of Dhubri.	
1884	4,777	2,304*	7,081	10,235	17,316

The subjoined figures afford the means of comparing the total number of emigrants, including their dependents, who were registered under the contractors' and garden sardars' sytems respectively during each of the last four years, and who were transmitted *vid* Calcutta, Goalundo, or Kooshtea, according to circumstances, but independently of the Dhubri route—

Year.	Contractors.	Sardars.	Total.	Percentage of sardars to contractors' coolies
1881	6,415	2,379	8,794	37·0
1882	7,995	2,907	10,902	36·3
1883	9,875	5,291	15,167	54·59
1884	7,081	10,235	17,316	69·18

It is clear from the above that the total number of emigrants, exclusive of those who passed through Dhubri, has steadily increased year after year, and that the percentage of sardari coolies has increased within the last two years. Similarly, increase is noticeable in connection with emigration *vid* Dhubri, as will be seen from the following figures relating only to sardari and free emigrants for the years 1883 and 1884, furnished by the Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara—

			Year. 1883.	1884.
Registered emigrants recruited by garden sardars	Emigrants		4,284	7,857
	Dependents		2,485	5 984
		Total ...	6,769	13,841
Free emigrants not registered. — Placed on local contracts at Dhubri	Emigrants		7,026	7,863
	Dependents		2,363	3,916
		Total ...	9,389	11,779
Free emigrants not registered. — Who travelled up outside the provisions of the Act as free emigrants...	Emigrants		469	321
	Dependents		238	99
		Total ...	707	420
		Grand total ...	16,865	26,040

In neither of the last two years did any contractor transmit his coolies *vid* Dhubri; and in 1884, though the total number of free emigrants proceeding by that route was 12,199, against 10,096 in 1883, the number of those who continued their journey to Assam as free emigrants was much smaller

* This number includes 17 who were detained after registration in the mofussil depôts at the close of the year.

(420, as against 707 in 1883), because a larger proportion of them were placed on local contracts at Dhubri.

(*f*)—*Recruiting Districts.*

1.—Contractors' coolies transmitted through the Calcutta depôts.

Contractors.	Bengal.											Behar.						Orissa.		Grand total.
	Burdwan.	Hazaribagh.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	24-Pergunnahs.	Midnapore.	Bankoora.	Manbhoom.	Beerbhoom.	Loharduggra.	Furreedpore.	Total.	Monghyr.	Gya.	Patna.	Bhagulpore.	Shahabad.	Total.	Cuttack.	Total.	
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	290	208	242	118	52	16	....	11	...	6	1,022	94	53	...	13	...	160	...	...	1,182
Mr. V. Harvey ...	140	230	150	155	6	65	104	37	...	...	1,014	15	92	...	...	4	109	...	...	1,123
,, O. B. Andrews ...	299	45	24	224	214	200	62	...	37	..	1,113	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	9	9	1,122
,, R. Hendry ...	178	135	225	.....	154	...	101	...	...	9	840	.....	.....	22	...	...	22	..	...	862
Baboo B. P. Mitter ...	54	49	93	127	68	16	.....	48	...	...	455	73	.....	...	...	...	73	...	...	528
Total ...	1,061	756	743	619	514	303	267	96	37	15	4,404	180	145	22	13	4	364	9	9	4,777

The recruiters licensed on behalf of the five Calcutta contractors confined their operations to the districts abovenamed; and, as in previous years, recruitment was most actively carried on in Bengal and Behar.

The districts in which the largest number of registrations were effected are arranged in the subjoined statement in the order of their importance in this respect—

(*a*)—*Districts of Registration.*

Provinces.	Total number registered in each district.	Districts in which registered.	Percentage to total number registered in each district of those who were residents of the district in which registered.
Bengal	1,051	Burdwan	23·86
	759	Hazaribagh	17·23
	743	Sonthal Pergunnahs	16·87
	619	24-Pergunnahs	14·05
	514	Midnapore	11 67
	303	Bankoora	6·88
	267	Manbhoom	6 06
	96	Beerbhoom	2·17
	37	Loharduggra	0 84
	15	Furreedpore	0·34
Total ...	4,404		
Behar	180	Monghyr	49·45
	145	Gya	39·83
	22	Patna	6·04
	13	Bhagulpore	3·57
	4	Shahabad	1·09
Total ...	364		
Orissa	9	Cuttack	Nil.
Total ,,	9		
Total ...	4,777	of all districts.	

Burdwan, as in 1883, continued to head the list, but registrations in the 24-Pergunnahs evidently fell off considerably, while those in Hazaribagh were somewhat increased. It seems not improbable that the larger demand for labour in connection with work that was being carried on within the 24-Pergunnahs itself (*e.g.* under the Port Commissioners) has tended to reduce the number of coolies registered in the 24-Pergunnahs.

As already noticed, however, recruitment on behalf of the Calcutta contractors was altogether much less than in 1883, when the total number of emigrants, including dependents, registered for them amounted to 7,540, as against only 4,777 in 1884.

The following statement, giving the districts of residence of these 4,777 coolies, shews to how trifling an extent natives of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh contributed to their number—

(*b*)—*Districts of Residence.*

Province.	Native districts.	Number.
Bengal	Hazaribagh	861
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	775
	Midnapore	608
	Manbhoom	494
	Bankoora	483
	Lohardugga	237
	Burdwan	220
	Beerbhoom	126
	Singbhoom	65
	24-Pergunnahs	28
	Moorshedabad	20
	Nuddea	10
	Hooghly	9
	Furreedpore	8
	Jessore	1
	Rungpore	1
	Total	3,946
Behar	Monghyr	320
	Gya	297
	Bhagulpore	80
	Patna	28
	Durbhunga	7
	Shahabad	7
	Purneah	2
	Sarun	2
	Tirhoot	2
	Total	745
Orissa	Balasore	27
	Cuttack	22
	Total	49
North-Western Provinces	Ghazipore	6
	Balia	3
	Mirzapore	3
	Azamgarh	3
	Benares	2
	Total	17
Oudh	Fyzabad	2
	Total	2
Central India	Bilaspore	8
	Nagpore	2
	Total	10
Miscellaneous	Madras	6
	Rangoon	2
	Total	8
	Grand total	4,777

It will be seen that the majority of those registered were natives of Hazaribagh, the Sonthal Pergunnahs, Midnapore, Manbhoom, and Bankoora, and only 19 belonged to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

2.—Contractors' coolies transmitted direct through the depôt at Goalundo.

Goalundo contractors.	Bengal.								Behar.				Orissa.		Grand total.
	Burdwan.	Beerbhoom.	Furreedpore.	Hazaribagh.	Manbhoom.	Midnapore.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Total.	Buxar.	Gya.	Shahabad.	Total.	Cuttack.	Total.	
Baboo A. T. Mookerjee	65	3	1,689	129	38	17	111	2,323	11	23	44	78	3	3	2,304*

Baboo A. T. Mookerjee was the only contractor who, having set up a depôt at Goalundo, transmitted coolies registered on his behalf for Cachar and Sylhet directly through Goalundo without bringing them to Calcutta. As compared with the corresponding results of the previous year, there was a slight reduction in the number registered for Baboo A. T. Mookerjee in 1884.

The subjoined statements furnish particulars regarding the 2,304 emigrants and dependents, shewing (*a*) their *districts of registration*—

(*a*).

Provinces.	Total number registered in each district.	Districts in which registered.	Percentage to total number registered in each district of those who were residents of the district in which registered.
Bengal	1,560	Furreedpore	83·67
	129	Hazaribagh	5·80
	111	Sonthal Pergunnahs	4·99
	65	Burdwan	2·92
	38	Manbhoom	1·70
	17	Midnapore	0·76
	3	Beerbhoom	0·13
Total ...	2,323		
Behar	44	Shahabad	56·41
	23	Gya	29·48
	11	Buxar	14·10
Total ...	78		
Orissa	3	Cuttack	Nil.
Total ...	3		
Total ...	2,304 of all districts.		

and also (*b*) their native districts—

* This number includes 17 coolies who were detained in the mofussil depôts at the close of last year.

(b)—*Districts of Residence.*

Provinces.	Native districts.	Number.
Bengal	Hazaribagh	704
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	510
	Manbhoom	186
	Lohardugga	172
	Beerbhoom	140
	Burdwan	108
	Bankoora	93
	Midnapore	61
	Moorshedabad	15
	Nuddea	14
	Singbhoom	6
	Maldah	4
	Furreedpore	1
	Rajshahye	1
	24-Pergunnahs	1
	Hooghly	1
	Total ...	2,017
Behar	Bhagulpore	65
	Gya	53
	Shahabad	19
	Monghyr	14
	Patna	3
	Tirhoot	3
	Durbhunga	2
	Total	159
Orissa	Balasore	9
	Cuttack	3
	Pooree	1
	Total ...	13
North-Western Provinces	Gorakhpore	32
	Ghazipore	22
	Azamgarh	12
	Mainpuri	3
	Baha	1
	Fatehpore	1
	Total ...	71
Oudh	Kheri	1
	Rai Bareli	1
	Fyzabad	1
	Total ...	3
Central India	Raipore	20
	Sumbulpore	19
	Jubbulpore	1
	Total ..	40
Miscellaneous	Madras	1
	Total ..	1
	Grand total ..	2,304

3.—Statement of sardars' emigrants registered in the several provinces and forwarded independently of contractors during the year 1884.

	Total of all districts.			Bengal.												Behar.								
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Hazaribagh.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Lohardugga.	Bankoora.	Midnapore.	Manbhoom.	Burdwan.	Beerbhoom.	Singbhoom.	Purveedpore.	Nuddea.	Total.	Monghyr.	Gya.	Shahabad.	Bhagulpore.	Durbhunga.	Tirhoot.	Patna.	Total.	Grand total.
Assam ...	425	232	657	79	26	226	20	154	97	19	...	..	15	...	636	1	...	...	...	18	..	2	21	657
Cachar	3,198	2,476	5,674	1,355	752	412	674	449	476	366	94	69	..	3	4,661	253	396	359	..	5	...		1,013	5,674
Sylhet ...	2,193	1,625	3,818	744	1,165	342	162	222	184	152	128	1	...	...	3,110	374	138	186	27	...	13	...	708	3,818
Chittagong ...	49	37	86	...	20	31	35	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	86	...	..	...	...		...	...	..	86
Total ...	5,865	4,370	10,235	2,178	1,963	1,011	891	825	757	557	232	61	15	3	8,493	638	534	815	27	23	13	2	1,742	10,235

As evidenced by the above figures the number of emigrants recruited and registered through garden sardars in 1884 was nearly double the number registered by them in 1883, Hazaribagh, the Sonthal Pergunnahs, Lohardugga, Bankoora, Midnapore, and Manbhoom having been the chief sources of supply.

4.—Summary.

The aggregate results of recruitment during the year 1884 may be briefly summarized thus—

	Class total. Contractors. 1883.	1884
1. Number of emigrants and their dependents registered for transmission through the Calcutta depôts to the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet	= 7,540	4,777
2. Number of emigrants and their dependents registered for direct transmission through the Goalundo depôts to the districts of Cachar and Sylhet	= 2,336	2,304
	Garden sardars	
3. Number of emigrants and their dependents registered to proceed independently of the depôts to the districts of Assam, Cachar, Sylhet and Chittagong	= 5,291	10,235
Grand total ...	15,167	17,316

The increased activity in recruiting operations noticed in 1883 was maintained in 1884, but, as above shewn, it was limited to the garden sardars' system of obtaining labour, the demand for the supply of labour through the agency of contractors having, as already observed, fallen considerably during the year under report.

SECTION III.

TRANSPORT

(*A*)—*Routes followed.*

Year.	Accommodated in the Calcutta depôts, having travelled from the recruiting districts by East Indian Railway or by boat or on foot to Calcutta.			Embarked at Calcutta in sea-going steamers	Arrived at Goalundo or Kooshtea.									Grand total.	Embarked at Goalundo or Kooshtea				Remarks.
					Vid Calcutta.			Independently of Calcutta							In river steamers	In country boats			
					Travelled by East Indian Railway or by boat or on foot to Calcutta, thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Goalundo or to Kooshtea.			Travelled by East Indian Railway or by boat or on foot to Mugra station, thence crossing the Hooghly to Kanchrapara, thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Goalundo or Kooshtea.										
								Contractors' coolies.			Garden sardars' coolies.								
	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals during the current year.	Total.	For Chittagong.	Balance of previous year at Goalundo.	Arrivals.	Total.	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals.	Total.	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals.	Total.		For Assam.	For Cachar.	For Sylhet.	Total.	
1884	343	4,740*	5,083	Nil	1	4,023*	4,024	62	2,268*	2,330	..	428	428	6,782	2,890	1,186	2,589	6 665	

Of the 6,782 coolies who proceeded *viâ* Goalundo, 6,354 were contractors' coolies, and of these 4,024 were transmitted through the Calcutta depôts and 2,330 went to Goalundo direct from the recruiting districts. The remaining 428 were garden sardars' coolies, who adopted the Goalundo route for Assam.

(*B*)—*Emigrants and their Dependents forwarded through the Calcutta Depôts.*

1.—Particulars prior to arrival at Calcutta.

Contractors	Total of all districts.			Particulars of mofussil depôts.									Total number despatched from all districts.	Particulars of journey to Calcutta.						Grand total of casualties and detentions subsequent to registration, but prior to arrival at depôt		Number arrived.
				Detained.		Discharged		Deserted		Died.		Total.		Detained.		Deserted.		Died.		Total.				
	Labourers.	Dependents	Total.	Number.	Percentage	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
Baboo J N Dutt ..	861	321	1,182	1	0·08	58	4·90	11	0 93	..	..	70	5·92	1,180	...	..	20	1 69	...	...	20	1 69	90	7 61	1,160
Mr. V Harvey	806	317	1,123	1	0·08	27	2 40	18	1 60	...	..	46	4·09	1,137	...	...	7	0 61	..	.	7	0 61	53	4 71	1,130
O E Andrews . "	932	190	1,122	1	0·08	35	3 11	3	0 26	...	..	39	3 47	1,116	...	...	18	1 61	2	0·17	20	1 97	59	5 25	1,097‡
R Hendry	551	271	822	..	...	23	2·67	11	1 33	..	...	33	4·01	812	...	...	11	1·35	..	...	11	1 35	44	5 35	801
Baboo B. P Mitter... .	390	136	526	.	..	8	1 51	...	..	...	..	8	1 51	560	..	..	8	1·42	.	..	8	1 42	16	3 03	552
Total ..	3,540	1,237	4,777	3	0·06	150	3·14	43	0·90	..	..	196	4·10	†4,803	...	..	64	1·33	2	0·04	66	1 37	262	5 46	4,740

* One infant born on the way to Goalundo.
† Including 284 coolies detained in the mofussil depôts at the close of last year.
‡ Including one child who joined its parents *en route*.

The total number (,777) of emigrants and their dependents registered for the Calcutta depôts suffered prior to their admission into depôt a total reduction of 5·48 per cent. of their strength, thus—

	Per cent.
By detention in the mofussil	3=0·06
,, casualties during detention in the mofussil and on the journey	259=5·42
Total ...	262=5·48

The results at this stage, as compared with those of the previous year, are on the whole more satisfactory, the desertions were less, the death-rate about the same, and the total deduction from all causes 5·48 per cent., as against 7·61 per cent. in 1883.

2.—The Calcutta depôts.

Statement shewing the number of coolies who remained in depôt at the close of the previous year, the number accommodated in depôt during the year 1884, *and the manner in which they were disposed of by the close of that year.*

Contractors through whose depôts the coolies were transmitted.	Total number arrived in depôt.	Total number undisposed of last year.	Total number born in depôt.	Total number accommodated in the depôt.	Daily average strength of emigrants in the depôt.	Daily average sick in depôt.	Final Rejections. Number. Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Final Rejections. Percentage. Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Number Discharged. Number.	Percentage.	Number Deserted. Number.	Percentage.	Mortality. Cholera. Number.	Percentage.	Other causes. Number.	Percentage.	Total. Number.	Percentage.	Total number forwarded to Goalundo.	Number remaining at the close of last year.
Baboo J. N. Dutt	1,160	93	...	1,243	69 90	3·48	13	...	13	0·96	.....	0·96	108	8·48	79	6 44	1	0·08	9	0·73	10	0·80	970	85
Mr. V. Harvey	1,150	117	...	1,247	80·76	1·33	12	...	12	0·96	... ...	0·96	170	13·63	108	8·66	7	0·56	5	0·40	12	0·96	895	50
,, O. H Andrews	1,097	51	...	1,148	40 17	0·65	11	...	11	0·96	.....	0·96	64	5·57	74	6·44	1	0·08	...	...	1	0·08	974	24
,, R. Hendry	801	43	...	843	56·0	1·70	9	1	10	1·16	0·11	1 18	104	12·33	16	2·12	2	0·23	5	0·59	7	0·83	675	50
Baboo B P. Mitter	552	51	...	603	24 08	0·18	2	...	2	0·33	.....	0·33	1	0·16	70	11·60	...	.....	1	0 16	1	0·16	505	21
Total ...	4,760	343	...	5,083	31·39	1·43	46	1	47	0·90	0·01	0·92	444	8·73	349	6·86	11	0·21	20	0·39	31	0·60	4,022	190

3. With reference to the sanitary condition of the depôts, Dr. McConnell, the officiating Medical Inspector of Emigrants, observes—

Sanitary arrangements.

"During the past year the system of regular monthly inspections of the depôts with the submission, to the Superintendent of Emigration, of a formal sanitary report came into effect under the new Emigration Act. It has been strictly carried out, and has proved remarkably useful in enabling both the Medical Inspector and the proprietors of the depôts to keep themselves *en rapport* with the requirements of these establishments, and in rectifying all defects and irregularities as soon as discovered. The depôt officials have, as a rule, responded readily in carrying out all suggestions made by the Superintendent of Emigration and by the Medical Inspector with reference to the preservation of the health and comfort of the coolies during their sojourn in Calcutta.

Accommodation

None of the depôts have been overcrowded during the past year.

Sleeping sheds.

The sleeping sheds have been kept in good order, and properly furnished.

The food has been constantly inspected, and due attention paid to its quality and proper cooking. It has always been ample and varied, as far as was practicable with the season of the year, and the regulations of Government on the subject.

Food.

Drinking water at every depôt continues to be procured from the municipal hydrants. Its quality has been frequently tested, as also the condition and purity of the casks in which it is conveyed to the depôts, and the iron tanks in which it is stored there. For bathing purposes tank water has been employed, but

Water-supply.

only after due filtration. In one or two of the depôts tank water becomes very low during the hot weather. As soon as this was noticed, a larger quantity of hydrant water was directed to be brought in, and was used for bathing purposes.

Latrines.

The depôt latrines have been attended to. They have been frequently coal-tarred during the year; disinfectants (Macdougale's powder and Phenyle) freely employed; and care taken as to the daily removal of the night-soil.

Hospitals

The depôt hospitals haven never been in a greater state of efficiency, both as regards equipment and accommodation for the sick. They have been constantly visited, and the native doctors in charge kept well up to the mark by frequent examination of the patients by the Medical Inspector. Whenever practicable, cases of contagious disease have been promptly removed (in accordance with Government orders) to the Campbell Hospital; but when this has been impossible, such cases have been strictly segregated, and treated apart or away from the rest of the inmates of the depôt.

Vaccination.

4. During the first-half of the year vaccine operations were conducted under the superintendence of the Medical Inspector, by a duly qualified vaccinator engaged by the contractors. Since July 1884 the working of this department has been replaced under the supervision of the Superintendent of Vaccination, Metropolitan Circle, in accordance with the recommendation made in the annual report for 1883 from this office, and, in compliance also with the request then made, statistics of vaccine operations in the depôts have for the first time been duly recorded, and will be included by the officer above alluded to in his official report for the year. It may suffice therefore to state in this place that over 5,000 vaccinations and revaccinations have been performed during the past year. No emigrant or dependent leaves any of the depôts *en route* to the tea districts without the Medical Inspector personally satisfying himself that the orders of Government on this important duty have been duly carried out."

Sickness and mortality.

5. The following table shews the extent to which sickness and mortality prevailed in the depôts at Scaldah and Entally during the years 1883 and 1884—

Diseases.	Totals, 1884 Strength = 4,740.		Totals, 1883 Strength = 6,092.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died
Diarrhœa	30	11	26	1
Dysentery	24		25	2
Cholera	13	11	4	3
Measles	3	.....	1	.. ..
Chicken-pox	1	.. ..	1	... ..
Small-pox	17	... .	.....	.. .
Fever	113	3	134	2
Venereal affections	.....	... ..	3	..
Chest	7	3	4	1
Other diseases	98	3	184	... ..
Total	304	31	372	9

"It is thus seen that 304 cases of sickness occurred in the depôt hospitals, or 6·3 per cent. of the total admissions. The percentage in the two preceding years was 5·2 in 1883 and 6·9 in 1882.

Among these 304 cases 31 deaths took place—a mortality of 10 1 per cent. of the sickness and 6·5 per mille of the total admissions into depôts. The corresponding figures for the preceding year are 2·4 per cent. of the sickness and 1·2 per mille of total admissions."

The causes of death were as follow—

Causes of mortality

(*a*)	Cholera	11
(*b*)	Bowel-complaints (dysentery and diarrhœa) ...	11
(*c*)	Fever (remittent)	3
(*d*)	Pneumonia	2
(*e*)	Marasmus (wasting)	2
(*f*)	Convulsions	1
(*g*)	Premature birth	1
	Total ...	31

"Of these 31 deaths," Dr. McConnell observes, "it is important to note that no less than eight were infants," one of whom died almost immediately after birth, and the rest arrived at the depôts in a very sickly condition, as the result of exposure and privation previous to admission into the depôts, and the absence of nourishment on the part of the mothers. "If these, which may certainly be termed unpreventible deaths, be excluded, the mortality is reduced to 23, or 7·5 per cent. of the total sickness."

Cholera.

"The highest mortality was, as usual, from cholera. Of this disease 12 cases occurred—all during the first four months of the year—when it was raging throughout Lower Bengal, and particularly in Calcutta and the suburbs. Of these 12 cases no less than 11 died—one in Mr. Andrew's depôt. This was the case of a woman who succumbed so rapidly that it was not possible to remove her to the Campbell Hospital. The other 10 died in that hospital.

In 1883 the cases of cholera were four and the deaths three, so that the mortality was about the same, although the number of cases was only a third of that during the year 1884.

If the cases of cholera are excluded the deaths in depôt are still further reduced to 11, or only 3·6 per cent. of the total sickness.

During the early part of the year, which was notoriously unhealthy, an outbreak of small-pox occurred in the depôts. It was chiefly confined to one depôt—that of Baboo J. Nath Dutt in Sealdah. Here, between the 15th February and 1st March, no less than 15 cases appeared; 14 of these in one batch all recruited at Burdwan. A solitary case occurred in the Labour Transport Depôt (Harvey's), and one other in Mr. Hendry's (Entally).

Without exception the disease was confined to new arrivals, who evidently therefore brought it with them.

Being aware of the great prevalence of small-pox in Calcutta and the suburbs at this period of the year, strict orders were issued for the immediate vaccination (*i e.* within 24 hours of admission) of every coolie received into the inland depôts; every suspicious case to be at once segregated and reported to the Medical Inspector. The result of these precautions was that, although the disease did break out, as has been stated, it manifested itself in only a "modified" form; not a single death occurred among the 17 individuals attacked, and in no instance did the disease spread to the other inmates of the affected depôts. This seems to be an important testimony to the protective value of successful vaccination."

6. From a comparison of the figures in the subjoined statement for the last two years it will be seen that the percentage of deaths, rejections, desertions, and discharges in 1884 exceeded those of 1883—

	For the year			
	1883.		1884.	
Daily average strength	3 44		51 59	
sick in hospital	0 84		1 43	
	0·84		1 43	
	Number.	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Rejections including relatives	58	0·80	46	0 99
" excluding "	53	0 73	36	0 75
Discharges	372	5 13	444	8 73
Desertions	436	6 01	349	6 86
Deaths from cholera	3	0 04	11	0 21
Total deaths from other causes	5	0·08	20	0 39

7. The higher death-rate is clearly attributable to the greater unhealthiness of the year 1884, but the larger proportion of those who had to be rejected as physically unfit, though probably influenced in some measure by the same cause, was due, in the Medical Inspector's opinion, to want of careful selection in the recruiting districts, and this indeed is apparent from a consideration of the principle causes of rejection, which were general debility and ill-health,

old age, and defective sight, leprosy, chronic venereal affections, epilepsy, paralysis, and insanity.

The percentage of desertions for 1884 is only slightly in excess of that for 1883, or 6·80 as against 6·01 in 1883. As noticed fully in last year's annual report, the motives governing desertions are probably the same as those that induce coolies to change their minds and apply for their discharge, as unwilling to emigrate after admission into depôt.

From the subjoined statement, accounting briefly for the 444 cases of discharge from the several depôts during the past year, it appears that the number of coolies not selected by planters' agents was fully twice as large as that of the previous year—a fact in itself indicative of a lessened demand for contractors' coolies. Thus—

Preferred and obtained work in Calcutta ...	4	
Claimed by relatives	11	
Accompanied rejected relatives or friends ...	15	
A child deserted by parents, and, after fruitless enquiry for relatives, adopted by hospital nurse	1	
Requested their discharge before expiration of a month in depôt, and therefore before they were strictly entitled to it	200	
Under age	1	Excepting the cases of those adults who did not desire to leave Calcutta, all were returned at the contractor's expense to places where they had been registered.
Not selected by planters' agents, and refused to wait much longer in depôt than the month prescribed by the Act	210	
Total ...	444	

8. That the demand for contractors' coolies was much reduced during the past year is more directly apparent from a consideration of the following figures, which shew that the total number forwarded by contractors from Calcutta to the labour districts generally fell short by nearly 2,000 of the number despatched in 1883—

Embarked at	Destination.	For the year 1883.	For the year 1884.
Calcutta	Chittagong	Nil	Nil
	Assam	3,360	2,463
Goalundo	Cachar	1,569	1,049
	Sylhet	1,080	499
Dhubri	Assam	Nil	Nil
	Total ...	6,009	4,011

A reduction is evident under each head, but is most marked in the despatches for Sylhet, which in the aggregate amounted to less than half the number forwarded during 1883.

Biweekly despatch of coolies.

9. Arrangements for the biweekly despatch of coolies having been maintained throughout the year, there was no avoidable detention of coolies in depôt; but, as a result of the reduced demand for contractors' coolies, the despatches during the slack season were comparatively tardy.

(C)—Goalundo.

The total number of coolies that arrived at Goalundo from the Calcutta depôts on the one hand, and directly from the recruiting districts on the other, amounted to 6,291, as shewn below—

Where from.	Number despatched.	Deduction for casualties on the journey to Goalundo.	Arrived at Goalundo.	Remarks.
1. Calcutta depôts	4,022	.....	4,023	Including one born on the journey.
2. Recruiting districts direct	2,304*	37	2,268	Ditto.
Total ...	6,326	37	6,291	

* Including 17 coolies who were detained in the mufussil depôts at the close of the year 1883.

Brief particulars relating to the total number forwarded *vid* Goalundo during the years 1883 and 1884 are submitted in the subjoined summary, in order to facilitate comparison of the principal results at this stage—

Summary.

	1883.			1884.		
	Deductions.		Number of souls.	Deductions.		Number of souls.
	Number.	Percentage		Number.	Percentage	
Despatched from Calcutta to Goalundo	.....	.....	6,026	.....	.....	4,023
Deduct for casualties on the journey—						
Deaths	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Desertions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Born on the journey to Goalundo	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Arrived at Goalundo from Calcutta	.....	.....	6,029	.....	.....	4,023
Born at Goalundo depôt	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	2
Despatched direct from recruiting districts	.....	.....	2,326	.....	.....	2,304
Deduct for casualties on the journey—						
Detentions	17	0·73	.....	10	0 43	.....
Desertions	304	13 09	.....	24	1 04	...
Deaths	19	0 81	342	3	0 13	37
Born on the journey	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1
Arrived at Goalundo from recruiting districts	.....	.....	1,994	.....	.....	2,268
Born in depôt	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	3
Balance of previous year in Goalundo	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	68
Total number accommodated in depôt	.....	.....	8,042	.....	.....	6,359
Deduct for casualties at Goalundo—						
Desertions	51	0 63	.....	46	0·72	.....
Deaths	14	0 17	.....	63	0 99	...
Releases from engagement	13	0·16	78	4	0 06	...
Rejections	.....	.....	...	3	0·04	116
Balance available for despatch to labour districts	.....	.....	7,964	.....	...	6,243
Total number embarked for the labour districts	.....	.....	7,897	.....	.....	6,238
Balance in Goalundo depôt at the close of the year.	.....	.....	65*	...	.....	5

* Erroneously entered in report of 1883 as 67, the excess of four being detentions of that year subsequently finally rejected.

Arrivals from Calcutta depôts.

1. It will be seen that no casualties occurred among the coolies despatched from Calcutta to Goalundo, where, including one born on the journey, the total number—4,023 emigrants and their dependents—arrived for embarkation.

Arrivals from recruiting districts.

2. Of the 2,304 emigrants and their dependents registered for direct transmission *vid* Goalundo, 2,268, including one born on the journey, arrived at Goalundo; so that 37 deductions have to be accounted for. Of these it appears that 10, or 0 43 per cent. were left behind, 24, or 1·04 per cent. deserted, and 3 or 0·13 per cent. died. These results bear favourable comparison with those of the previous year, when the alleged desertions from Baboo A. T. Mockerjee's coolies, to which reference has already been made, was excessively high. It is satisfactory therefore to find that his recruiting operations were more carefully conducted during the year 1884.

Goalundo depôts.

3. The total number from both sources accommodated in the course of the year in the Goalundo depôts amounted to 6,359 emigrants and their dependents, and of these 6,238 embarked for the labour districts, leaving 121 to be accounted for in the following manner—

46, or 0·72 per cent deserted,
63, or 0·99 per cent. died,
4, or 0 06 per cent. were released from engagements,
3, or 0·04 per cent. were rejected, and
5 remained in depôt at the close of the year.

Dr. Richards observes that "the results are unfavourable compared with those of the previous year."

"The greater loss was due mainly to the very great increase in the mortality from cholera, which was prevalent during the year under review;" and this, he adds, "notwithstanding constant attention to sanitary and conservancy arrangements. The water is invariably filtered, and so far as appearance and taste are concerned is perfectly pure"

Embarkation at Goalundo.

4. The number embarked at Goalundo for the labour districts in steamers and country boats amounted to 6,665 as against 8,445 in 1883.

This reduction affected the shipments for Cachar and Sylhet as well as those for Assam ; but as evidenced by the figures in the following statement, shewing an increased proportion of children embarked at Goalundo during the year under review, a relatively larger number of families emigrated by that route to all the districts in 1884 than in 1883—

From Goalundo	Percentage embarked			
	Of children		Of infants	
	1883	1884.	1883	1884
For Assam ...	10 84	16 89	4 56	7 13
„ Cachar	7 89	11 63	4 13	5 50
„ Sylhet	7 86	17 84	3 43	7 60
Total ..	9 18	16 07	4 15	7 12

(*D*)—*Embarkation in Steamers for Assam.*

From the following particulars it will be seen that of 2,890 emigrants embarked for Assam, 2,463 were forwarded by contractors from Calcutta, and 427 were garden sardars' coolies who embarked at Goalundo instead of Dhubri—

Class	Labourers			Dependents.						Grand total
	Male.	Female.	Total	Male	Female	Boys	Girls	Infants	Total	
Calcutta contractors ..	953	953	1,906	...		194	176	187	557	2,463
Garden sardars .	145	112	257	24	20	49	52	25	170	427
Total ...	1,098	1,065	2,163	24	20	243	228	212	727	2,890

(1)—*Of the Passage in Steamers.*

The total number, 2,890 emigrants and their dependents, was conveyed in licensed steamers that made 40 trips during the course of the year. The average number carried, the average length of passage, together with other particulars relating to each trip, are submitted in the subjoined table—

Months.	Names of vessels.	Names of medical officers in charge.	Names of commanders.	Dates of departure.	Number of days on the passage.	Number of emigrants under conveyance.			Mortality amongst emigrants during the passage.						Total percentage of deaths from all causes.	Vessels in which cholera occurred.
									Contractors.				Garden sardars.			
									Cholera.		Other causes.		Cholera.	Other causes.		
						Contractors.	Garden sardars.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Number.		
1884.				1884.												
January	"Agra"	Baboo K. C. Sarbadhicary	Mr. G J Stevenson	14th January	25	78	6	84	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Mirzapore"	Mr. J. Creaus	,, S Haley	17th ,,	17	69	...	69	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Rajmehal"	,, R. Sinclair	,, C F. Gruzelier	28th ,,	18	41	3	44	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Indore"	Baboo K. N. Mitter	,, J. W. Fox	29th ,,	17	68	2	70	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
February	"Tezpore"	W. C. Ghose	,, W. M. Reakes	3rd February	19	164	34	198	...	.....	1	0·60	...	...	0·50	.....
,,	"Lahore"	Mr. J. B. McCormack	,, W. H Huey	10th ,,	16	84	39	123	2	2·38	2	1·65	1	3·03	1·62	Cholera.
,,	"Simla"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, W. F. Spracklin	17th ,,	15	74	33	107	1	1·35	...	.....	...	...	1·86	,,
March	"Dibrugarh"	Baboo K. C. Sarbadhicary	,, J Rode	24th ,,	15	140	...	140	...	.....	2	1·42	...	...	1·42	.....
,,	"Dhubri"	Mr W. Waldon	,, C Kerver	2nd March	15	34	90	124	3	2·37	1	1·19	...	...	2·42	Cholera.
,,	"Mysore"	Baboo A. C. Dutt	,, W. E. Elder	8th ,,	16	116	31	147	1	0·86	...	.....	...	...	0·68	,,
,,	"Agra"	,, W. C. Ghose	,, G J. Stevenson	16th ,,	20	117	29	146	1	0·85	1	0·85	...	...	1·37	,,
,,	"Mirzapore"	Mr J. Creaus	,, S Haley	23rd ,,	15	62	8	70	1	1·61	1	1·61	...	...	2·85	,,
,,	"Sudiya"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, J W. Saker	30th ,,	13	86	31	117	1	1·16	...	.....	...	...	1·70	,,
April	"Scinde"	Meer Nuzufali	,, J Lemon	5th April	20	49	5	54	...	.....	1	2·04	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Tezpore"	Nil	,, W. M. Reaks	5th ,,	16	9	.....	9	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Assam"	Mr R. Sinclair	,, W. M. Begbie	10th ,,	10	44	.....	44	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Rajmehal"	Baboo K C Sarbadhicary	,, C F. Gruzelier	14th ,,	16	30	.....	30	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Assam"	Mr. R. Sinclair	,, W. M. Begbie	25th ,,	10	107	0·93	107	1	.....	...	.....	...	...	0·93	Cholera.
May	"Madras"	,, J Creaus	,, A. H. Walker	3rd May	10	54	.....	54	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Assam"	,, R. Sinclair	,, W. M. Begbie	11th ,,	10	31	6	37	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Assam"	,, R Sinclair	,, W. M. Begbie	27th ,,	10	119	.....	119	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
June	"Madras"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, A. H. Walker	5th June	12	84	5	89	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Assam"	,, J. Creaus	,, W. M Begbie	12th ,,	10	53	21	74	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Rajmehal"	Nil	,, C. F. Gruzelier	16th ,,	10	10	.....	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Simla"	Mr. W. Waldon	,, W. F. Spracklin	22nd ,,	17	36	.....	36	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
July	"Dhubri"	,, R. Sinclair	,, C Kerver	2nd July	14	64	.....	64	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Lahore"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, W. H. Huey	15th ,,	19	31	.....	31	...	.....	1	3·22	...	...	3·22	.....
,,	"Tezpore"	,, J. Creaus	,, W. M Reakes	19th ,,	15	24	.....	24	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
August	"Mirzapore"	,, W. Waldon	,, S. Haley	3rd August	16	46	.....	46	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Rajmehal"	Nil	,, G. J. Stevenson	17th ,,	23	16	.....	16	...	.....	1	6·25	...	...	6·25	.....
,,	"Dibrugarh"	Nil	,, C. F. Gruzilier	25th ,,	23	14	.....	14	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
September	"Tezpore"	Mr. R. Sinclair	,, W. M. Reaks	14th September	20	31	.....	31	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
October	"Agra"	,, H C. Mahony	,, G J Stevenson	12th October	17	57	.....	57	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
November	"Simla"	,, J Creaus	,, W. F. Spracklin	9th November	16	105	8	113	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Tezpore"	,, W. Waldon	,, J. W. Faichney	17th ,,	17	25	10	35	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Dhubri"	,, R. Sinclair	,, C. Kerver	23rd ,,	16	61	45	106	1	1·63	...	.....	...	...	0·94	Cholera.
December	"Mirzapore"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, A. H. Walker	1st December	18	42	...	42	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Sudiya"	Baboo K. C. Sarbadhicary	,, J. W. Saker	7th ,,	16	38	10	48	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Mysore"	Meer Nuzufali	,, W. E. Elder	19th ,,	14	100	23	123	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
,,	"Lahore"	Mr. H. C. Mahony	,, S. Haley	21st ,,	10	.....	29	29	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....
						2,463	427	2,890	12	0·48	11	0·44	1	0·23	...	.....	0·83	

On comparing the following results in connection with the conveyance of emigrants in steamers from Goalundo to Assam during the last four years, it appears that although, in consequence of the increasing numbers that proceeded *vid* Dhubri, the number of trips on which coolies were carried from Goalundo has decreased from year to year, the largest number of coolies was conveyed in 1883, and the smallest in 1884, when a marked diminution occurred—

	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884
Total number of trips	76	66	50	40
Ditto without cholera	76	62	46	31
Ditto souls conveyed	3,341	3,689	3,908	2,890
Percentage of total deaths	0·17	0 73	0·48	0·83
	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.
Average length of passage	15 15	16 21	17 0	15 28
Average number conveyed on each trip ...	Souls 44	55	78	72

Mortality on certain steamers.

2. Cholera, it seems from the statement below, shewed itself on eight of the river steamers; but as the disease occurred on two separate trips of the steamer *Dhubri*, it was present on nine of the 40 trips made during the year. As noticed in previous reports, the mortality from cholera was greatest during the month of March—

Number of trips.	Names of vessels.		Names of commanders.	Number conveyed	Mortality on the passage		
					Cholera	Other causes.	Total percentage.
5	"Tezpore"	India General Steam Navigation Company.	Mr. W. M. Reakes	207	.....	1	0 33
5	"Assam"		,, W. M. Begbie	381	1	.....	0·26
4	"Mirzapore"		,, S Haley	237	1	1	0 85
4	"Rajmehal"		,, C F Gruzelier	100	.....	1	1·00
3	"Agra"		,, G F Stevenson	287	1	1	0 69
3	"Simla"		,, W J Spracklin	256	2	.. .	0·78
3	"Dhubri"		,, C. Kerver	304	4	1	1·64
3	"Lahore"		,, W. H Huey	183	2	3	2·73
2	"Dibrugarh"		,, J. Rodo	154	.....	2	1 29
2	"Sadiya"		,, J W Saker	165	1	.....	0 60
2	"Madras"		,, A. H Walker	143	.....	.....	.. ..
2	"Mysore"	River Steam Navigation Company.	,, W E. Elder	269	1	. . .	0·37
1	"Indore"		,, J W Fox	70	... ..	.....	..
1	"Scinde"		,, J. Lemon	54	... ..	1	1 85
Total 40			Total ...	2,890	13	11	0 83

Death-rates of men, women, and children respectively.

The death-rate in its relation to men, women, children, and infants considered separately as distinct groups was as follows—

	1884.			
	Cholera.		Other causes.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Men	6	0·62	5	0 52
Women	6	0 62	2	0 20
Children	1	0·27	1	0 27
Infants	.....	.....	3	1 60

Considering the greater prevalence of serious disease in 1884, a generally higher death-rate is not surprising; but it may be noticed that while increased mortality from cholera is most marked amongst the adults of both sexes, that from "other causes" affected all classes, the children and infants, already shewn to have been embarked in relatively larger numbers than in 1883, suffering more severely than in that year.

3. The average length of passage for each steamer belonging to the two steam navigation companies was as follows—

Average length of passage.

India General Steam Navigation Company.	Number of days.	*Rivers Steam Navigation Company.*	Number of days.
"Agra"	20¾	"Indore"	17
"Mirzapore"	16½	"Mysore"	15
"Rajmehal"	16½	"Scinde"	20
"Tezpore"	17½		
"Lahore"	15¾		
"Simla"	17		
"Dibrugarh"	19		
"Dhubri"	15		
"Sudiya"	14½		
"Assam"	10		
"Madras"	11		

4. From the remarks entered in the way-bills of the several steamers by inspecting officers when commenting on their general accommodation, fittings, ventilation, and arrangements for water-supply as provided for each trip, it is to be inferred that they were maintained in a satisfactory condition during the period under review.

Remarks of inspecting officers on way-bills.

(E)—Embarked at Goalundo in country boats for Cachar and Sylhet.

Contractors.	Number embarked for Cachar.								
	Labourers.			Dependents.					Grand total.
	Male	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta	517	350	867	.....	.....	70	55	57	182	1,049
Goalundo	54	50	104	3	8	5	8	9	33	137
Total ...	571	400	971	3	8	75	63	66	215	1,186

Contractors.	Number embarked for Sylhet.								
	Labourers.			Dependents.					Grand total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta	206	150	356	...	.....	54	45	46	145	499
Goalundo	774	627	1,401	101	73	189	176	151	689	2,090
Total	980	777	1,757	101	73	243	219	197	832	2,589

1. Of the aggregate number of contractors' coolies forwarded to Cachar and Sylhet, amounting to 3,775, it will be seen from the above statements that 1,548 were forwarded from the Calcutta depôts and 2,227 came direct to Goalundo from the recruiting districts on behalf of Baboo A. T. Mookerjee. From the following figures, shewing the casualties that occurred among contractors' coolies during their conveyance in country boats to Cachar and Sylhet in the years 1883 and 1884, it is evident that here also, as on the passage to Assam, the mortality from cholera greatly exceeded that of the previous year:—

Casualties.	1883.		1884.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Desertions	64	1·41	17	0·45
Deaths ... Cholera	36	0·79	131	3·47
Deaths ... Other causes	7	0·15	2	0·05
Total	107	2·35	150	3·97

2. The polluted state of the rivers in the Surma valley, from which coolies travelling in boats draw their water-supply, has already been noticed as one of the probable sources of the disease among them; and it is a relief to know that there is early prospect of some improvement being effected, through private enterprise, in the arrangements for the conveyance of coolies to Cachar and Sylhet by the employment of steamers that will, it is hoped, tend to reduce the mortality.

The India General Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Burrisal* has already been fitted under my inspection and approval for the transport of native passengers to Sylhet, and I have been informed that if she prove successful other steamers will be placed on the line.

It is satisfactory to find that the number of desertions was small in comparison with that of the previous year, or as 0·45 to 1·41 per cent. in 1883.

(*F*)—*General Summary.*

Contractors' coolies.

1. The following summary shews the total number of emigrants and their dependents registered during 1884 on behalf of contractors, for transmission *viâ* Calcutta and Goalundo, and the manner in which they were disposed of by the close of the year:—

Class.	Number registered.	Balance of previous year	Detentions in mofussil of previous year.	Number born on the way to Goalundo.	Number born in the depôt.	Number picked up *en route*	Total.	Total deduction on account of all causes.	Percentage.	Routes by which forwarded.	Total number landed at destination.		Balance in depôt at the close of the year.
Originally transmitted through the Calcutta depôts { Contractors	4,777	344	224	1	2	1	5,353	1,235	23·08	Goalundo	2,453 1,016 488	Assam ... Cachar ... Sylhet ..	191
Originally transmitted through the Goalundo depôts ... { Contractors ...	*2,304	62	...	1	3	...	2,370	272	11·47	Goalundo	135 1,959	Cachar ... Sylhet ...	4
Total of year 1884 ...	7,081	406	224	2	5	1	7,723	1,497	19·38	.....	6,031	.....	195
„ „ 1883	9,876	270	87	1	2	...	10,176	1,991	19·56	.....	7,775	.....	406

* Including 17 detained in mofussil depôts at the close of the year 1883.

A comparison of the total results of 1883 and 1884 shews that although recruitment through contractors was on the whole less active in 1884, this reduction did not affect the number transmitted directly through Goalundo and landed at Sylhet, as it exceeded, by 334, the corresponding number for 1883.

The percentage of total deductions (19·38) was nearly the same as that of the two previous years, because in 1884 the increased rate of mortality was counterbalanced by the decreased rate of desertions.

Garden sardars' coolies.

2. Besides the coolies forwarded by contractors, 9,492 emigrants and their dependents were recruited and registered during the year through garden sardars, namely—

For Cachar	5,674
„ Sylhet	3,818
Total ...	9,492

Although, as evidenced by the larger number of way-bills received during the past year, the sardars appear to have produced those documents with greater regularity than before, the information they afford concerning the routes adopted by sardari batches, and the casualties attending their journey to Cachar and Sylhet, is still incomplete, and not sufficient to admit of correct inferences being drawn from it.

SECTION IV.

DHUBRI.

The following particulars relating to emigration *vid* Dhubri have been gathered from the statistical statements for 1884 furnished by the Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara—

Despatched from recruiting districts			26,586	emigrants.
Additions on the journey to Dhubri			94	
Total ...			26,680	
Casualties, viz.—				
By deaths	76			
„ desertions	87			
„ detentions	247			
	——		410	
Arrived at Dhubri			26,270	
Additions at Dhubri			1	
Total ...			26,271	
Casualties, viz.—				
By deaths	130			
„ desertions	88			
„ rejections	13			
	——		231	
Balance ...			26,040	despatched.
Embarked	26,021			
Marched by land	19			
	———		26,040	
Balance ...			Nil.	
To the number embarked			26,021	
There are additions			4	
Total ...			26,025	
Casualties were—				
Deaths	68			
Desertions	6			
	——		74	
Balance landed ...			25,951	

All the 19 who marched up arrived safely at their destination.

The aggregate number (26,040) who proceeded by land and water, as above shewn, included two classes of emigrants, thus—

1. Garden sardars' coolies registered under the provision of the Act	13,841
2. Free emigrants not so registered, but who proceeded to Dhubri outside the Act	12,199
Total ...	26,040

Of the 12,199 free emigrants, only 420 maintained their freedom throughout, as the remainder (11,779) appear to have entered into engagements and proceeded to their places of labour after executing local contracts at Dhubri.

SECTION V.

DEPARTMENTAL.

(1)—*Calcutta.*

The Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

Dr. J. F. P. McConnell continued to officiate as Medical Inspector of Emigrants throughout the year, except when absent on privilege leave, from the 17th of October to the 8th of November 1884, during which period Dr. J. O'Brien acted for him.

The Personal Assistant.

2. My best acknowledgments are due to Mr. E. R. Forbes, the Personal Assistant, for the able help he has continuously rendered during the past year.

The office and its correspondence.

3. For only one month (June), whilst the premises were undergoing needful repairs, this office had to be temporarily moved to Park Street.

The correspondence in connection with inland emigration was—

Of letters, &c., received	6,607
Of letters, &c., issued	2,263
Total ...	8,870

Alterations in nominal roll and scale of establishment

4. The changes introduced with a view to economy under the revised scale of establishment sanctioned in December 1883 were in full operation by the middle of February 1884; and during August, in compliance with Government orders, the head clerk of the Goalundo office was transferred to the Calcutta office, whence one of the clerks proceeded to Goalundo to take over his work.

The members of the establishment attended regularly during the year.

(2) *Goalundo.*

Superintendent of Emigration, Embarkation Agent, and Medical Inspector of Emigrants

1. Dr. V. Richards discharged the duties of Superintendent of Emigration, Embarkation Agent, and Medical Inspector of Emigrants at Goalundo throughout the period under review.

Goalundo establishment.

2. The scheme for reduction of expenditure that affected the Calcutta establishment included the Goalundo office, which therefore was also subjected to revision and reduction. Dr. Richards observes, in his report for 1884, that the members of his office did their best in the performance of their duties.

SECTION VI.

APPENDIX.

I. A.—Return of number of emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam.
B.—Return of number of emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Cachar and Sylhet.

II. A.—Return of despatches of emigrants by steamers to Assam.
B.—Return of despatches of emigrants by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet.

III. Return of method of recruitment of emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.

IV. Return of mortality among emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.

V A.—Return of results of medical examination of emigrants in the depôts at Calcutta.
B —Return of results of medical examination of emigrants in the depôts at Goalundo.

VI. A.—Return of depôt and other hospitals at Calcutta.
B.—Return of depôt and other hospitals at Goalundo.

VII. Return of emigrants despatched to Assam, Cachar ,and Sylhet by contractors.

VIII. A.—Return of classification according to native districts of emigrants registered to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet *viâ* Calcutta.
B —Return of classification according to native districts of emigrants registered to proceed to Cachar and Sylhet *viâ* Goalundo.

IX. Return of mortality among non emigrant passengers and crew on Assam steamers.

Statement I A.

Return of Emigrants despatched to Assam by the Goalundo and Kooshtea route during the year 1884.

1	2				3										4		5										6		7										8	
Months.	Number despatched				Journey to the place of embarkation.										Number arrived at the place of embarkation.		Stay at the place of embarkation.										Number embarked on board the steamers.		Voyage to destination.										Number landed at destination.	
					Addition.		Casualties.										Addition.		Casualties.										Addition.		Casualties.											
							A.				B		C.		D				A.				B		C.		D.				A.				B.		C.		D.			
	From Calcutta.		From recruiting districts.				From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.				From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Discharged under sections 45 and 47.		Total.				From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.			
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
January ...	490	321	10	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	440	332	11	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	449	307	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	445	298
February ...	574	472	246	106	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	620	580	1	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	618	568	...	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	10	611	559
March ...	646	458	148	152	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	794	567	3	75	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	6	718	614	...	1	10	7	...	...	...	...	25	10	698	604
April ...	314	251	49	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	363	256	82	42	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	315	244	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	314	242
May ...	229	234	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	229	242	123	54	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	3	222	210	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	319	210
June ...	317	136	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	317	162	34	84	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	266	209	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	...	266	203
July ...	123	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123	83	34	37	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	206	119	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	205	118
August ...	49	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	49	76	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	48	75
September	97	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	32	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	31
October ...	176	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176	73	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176	57	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	174	57
November	336	216	28	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	364	279	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	324	254	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	1	322	253
December	270	138	67	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	337	199	40	42	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	372	241	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	372	241
Total ...	3,360	2,478	548	435*	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	1	...	7	3,906	2,901	383	417†	...	8	3	1	...	...	6	2	11	11	3,998	2,980	...	2	13	13	3	11	3	1	15	7	34	32	3,874	2,469

* Sirdari recruited coolies came direct for embarkation.
† Remaining from every month.

Goalundo,
The 9th March 1885.

V. Richards,
Supdt. of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT I B.

Return of Emigrants despatched to Cachar and Sylhet by the Goalundo route during the year 1884.

1	2				3												4		5										6		7										8	
MONTHS.	NUMBER DESPATCHED.				JOURNEY TO THE PLACE OF EMBARKATION.												Number arrived at the place of embarkation.		STAY AT THE PLACE OF EMBARKATION.										Number embarked on board country boats.		VOYAGE TO DESTINATION.										Number landed at destination.	
	From Calcutta.		From recruiting districts.		Addition.		Casualties.												Addition.		Casualties.										Addition.		Casualties.									
							A				B		C		D						A				B		C		D				A				B		C		D	
							From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.						From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Discharged under sections 48 and 47.		Total.				From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.			
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
January	255	380	45	303	...	...	3	...	1	...	7	5	2	2	11	7	319	676	8	63	...	1	...	...	1	17	...	...	1	18	325	636	...	1	...	6	...	...	1	9	324	628
February	177	310	75	519	...	...	4	...	1	...	8	7	...	...	15	7	237	822	1	85	...	32	...	...	1	17	...	1	2	50	234	833	...	1	3	46	4	4	4	51	230	787
March	280	133	66	506	...	2	2	3	...	...	16	10	...	8	26	1	288	626	2	24	6	16	...	...	1	8	...	...	2	24	291	660	1	...	6	46	9	9	9	51	282	550
April	235	191	58	107	...	...	3	1	...	...	19	...	...	23	1	...	291	227	19	26	1	5	2	...	4	1	...	...	7	6	283	269	...	...	12	15	2	...	1	...	45	27	238	242
May	304	50	294	226	...	1	1	...	2	...	33	...	...	36	1	...	562	277	11	45	1	1	...	...	11	2	...	...	13	4	521	318	...	...	5	19	1	...	10	1	15	22	306	226
June	223	163	379	365	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	2	...	41	2	...	561	531	29	5	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	474	444	...	1	...	2	1	...	6	2	7	6	467	439
July	132	36	287	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	4	22	...	...	397	95	122	89	...	...	...	...	8	1	2	...	10	1	461	156	...	...	2	3	...	...	1	...	7	...	454	156
August	189	8	281	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	30	...	...	420	33	48	27	...	...	...	...	8	...	2	...	10	2	469	58	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	468	58
September	174	82	215	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	11	24	...	...	365	32	56	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	466	92	...	...	...	6	...	11	6	11	466	51
October	135	54	209	34	1	...	...	...	...	...	51	...	...	51	...	...	294	88	9	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	202	88	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	201	85
November	290	80	214	43	...	1	1	...	...	...	27	...	...	28	...	...	476	123	93	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	7	...	411	103	...	...	2	2	...	...	4	2	407	101
December	244	45	233	118	...	1	1	...	...	...	43	...	...	44	...	...	433	164	152	19	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	520	178	...	...	7	1	...	...	7	1	513	177
Total ...	2,668	1,553	2,336	2,304	1	4	15	3	4	...	306	24	17	10	342	37	4,663	3,823	556	389	9	55	5	...	48	46	5	5	67	106	4,537	3,778	1	3	36	131	7	2	64	17	...	27	107	177	4,430	3,601

GOALUNDO,

The 9th March 1885.

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Statement II A.

Return showing Number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo and Kooshtea by steamer to Assam during the year 1884.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9
Month.	Names of steamers conveying emigrants.	Number of way-bills.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	Date of arrival at Dhubri.	Number of deaths in the voyage to destination. Between place of embarkation and Dhubri	Between Dhubri and Dibrugarh.	Date of arrival at Dibrugarh.	Remarks
January 1884	Steamer "Agra" ...	1	14th January 1884	84	19th January 1884	None.	None.	7th February 1884.	
,, ,,	,, "Mirzapore" ...	2	20th ,, ,,	69	24th ,, ,,	,,	,,	5th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Indore" ,,	3	28th ,, ,,	70	31st ,, ,,	,,	,,	14th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Rajmehal" ...	4	30th ,, ,,	44	2nd February ,,	,,	,,	16th ,, ,,	
February ,,	,, "Tezpore" ...	5	3rd February ,,	108	7th ,, ,,	,,	1	21st ,, ,,	One male landed at Gauhati
,, ,,	,, "Lahore" ...	6	11th ,, ,,	123	15th ,, ,,	1	3	29th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Simlah" ,,	7	17th ,, ,,	107	21st ,, ,,	.....	2	5th March ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Dibrugarh" ,,	8	24th ,, ,,	140	27th ,, ,,	.....	2	9th ,, ,,	
March ,,	,, "Dhubri" ,,	9	2nd March ,,	134	6th March ,,	1	3	16th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Mysore" ...	10	8th ,, ,,	147	12th ,, ,,	.....	1	24th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Agra" ,,	11	17th ,, ,,	148	21st ,, ,,	.....	2	6th April ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Mirzapore" ,,	12	24th ,, ,,	70	27th ,, ,,	.....	2	7th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Sudiya" ,,	13	30th ,, ,,	117	2nd April ,,	.....	1	15th ,, ,,	
April ,,	,, "Scinde" ...	14	5th April ,,	54	10th ,, ,,	.....	1	24th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Tezpore" ...	15	6th ,, ,,	9	9th ,, ,,	.....	.....	22nd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Assam" ...	16	10th ,, ,,	44	13th ,, ,,	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Rajmehal" ...	17	14th ,, ,,	30	19th ,, ,,	.....	.....	29th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Assam" ...	18	26th ,, ,,	107	28th ,, ,,	.....	1	4th May ,,	
May ,,	,, "Madras" ...	19	3rd May ,,	84	6th May ,,	.....	.....	12th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Assam" ,,	20	12th ,, ,,	87	15th ,, ,,	.....	.....	22nd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Assam" ,,	21	24th ,, ,,	119	30th ,, ,,	.....	.....	6th June ,,	
June ,,	,, "Madras" ...	22	5th June ,,	89	9th June ,,	.....	.....	16th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Assam" ...	23	12th ,, ,,	74	15th ,, ,,	.....	.....	21st ,, ,,	Six emigrants landed at Gauhati.
,, ,,	,, "Rajmehal" ...	24	16th ,, ,,	10	19th ,, ,,	.....	.....	28th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Simlah" ...	25	22nd ,, ,,	86	27th ,, ,,	.....	.....	8th July ,,	
July ,,	,, "Dhubri" ...	26	2nd July ,,	64	5th July ,,	.....	.....	15th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Lahore" ,,	27	15th ,, ,,	31	20th ,, ,,	.....	1	2nd August ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Tezpore" ...	28	20th ,, ,,	24	26th ,, ,,	.....	.....	3rd ,, ,,	
August ,,	,, "Mirzapore" ...	29	3rd August ,,	46	7th August ,,	.....	.....	18th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Rajmehal" ...	30	17th ,, ,,	16	23rd ,, ,,	.....	1	9th September ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Dibrugarh" ...	31	28th ,, ,,	14	1st September ,,	.....	.....	16th ,, ,,	
September ,,	,, "Tezpore" ...	32	15th September ,,	31	20th ,, ,,	.....	.....	3rd October ,,	
October ,,	,, "Agra" ...	33	12th October ,,	57	16th October ,,	.....	.....	28th ,, ,,	
November ,,	,, "Simlah" ,,	34	9th November ,,	113	12th November ,,	.....	.....	24th November ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Tezpore" ...	35	17th ,, ,,	35	20th ,, ,,	.....	.....	2nd December ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Dhubri" ...	36	23rd ,, ,,	106	28th ,, ,,	.....	1	8th ,, ,,	
December ,,	,, "Mirzapore" ...	37	1st December ,,	42	3rd December ,,	.....	.....	18th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Sudiya" ...	38	7th ,, ,,	48	11th ,, ,,	.....	.....	22nd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	,, "Mysore" ,,	39	20th ,, ,,	122	23rd ,, ,,	.....	.....	3rd January 1885.	
,, ,,	,, "Lahore" ...	40	21st ,, ,,	29	25th ,, ,,	.....	.....	31st December 1884.	
	Total ...	.	.....	2,890	.....	2	22	.....	

Goalundo,

The 9th March 1885.

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Statement II B.

Return showing Number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo and Kooshtea by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet during the year 1884.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	
Month.	Number of boats conveying a despatch.	Number of way-bills.	Names of labour districts to which emigrants were conveyed.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	Number of deaths on the passage to labour districts.		Date of arrival at labour districts.	
						Cachar.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Sylhet.
January 1884	1	1	Cachar ...	2nd January 1884	10	None.	... ..	22nd January 1884	
,, ,,	2	2	Sylhet ...	2nd ,, ,,	40	... .	None.	. ..	13th January 1884.
,, ,,	2	3	Do. ...	8th ,, ,,	43	... ..	1	,,	17th ,, ,,
,, ,,	5	4	Do. ...	14th ,, ,,	64	.....	.....	.....	24th ,, ,,
,, ,,	3	5	Do. ...	9th ,, ,,	46	.....	.....	.....	10th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	6	Do .	14th ,, ,,	28	... ..	... ..		24th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	7	Cachar	14th ,, ,,	34	.....	... ..	6th February 1884	
,, ,,	1	8	Sylhet ...	14th ,, ,,	16	... ..	2	..	24th January 1884
,, ,,	2	9	Cachar ..	15th ,, ,,	36	1	.....	13th February 1884	
,, ,,	1	10	Sylhet ...	15th ,, ,,	17	... ..	... ..	..	2nd February 1884
,, ,,	3	11	Do. ...	17th ,, ,,	46	.. ..	... ..	...	31st January ,,
,, ,,	3	12	Do. ...	21st ,, ,,	45	..	... .	2nd February ,,	
,, ,,	3	13	Do.	21st ,, ,,	40	.	.	... ..	2nd ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	14	Cachar ...	21st ,, ,,	19	2	..	13th February 1884	
,, ,,	1	15	Sylhet ..	24th ,, ,,	27	.....	... ..	..	4th February 1884.
,, ,,	2	16	Cachar ..	28th ,, ,,	32	. . .	.....	15th February 1884	
,, ,,	1	17	Sylhet ..	28th ,, ,,	26	.....	.. .	.	7th February 1884.
,, ,,	2	18	Do. ...	26th ,, ,,	39	.....	.. ..	4th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	19	Do ...	31st ,, ,,	25	.....	..	... ..	11th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	20	Cachar ...	2nd February ,,	24	2	.	3rd March 1884	
February ,,	2	21	Sylhet ..	5th ,, ,,	47	.....	1	.	15th February 1884.
,, ,,	2	22	Do ...	8th ,, ,,	35	.	7		19th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	23	Cachar ...	9th ,, ,,	44	3	. ....	3rd March 1884	
,, ,,	2	24	Sylhet ...	9th ,, ,,	46	...	.....	.	25th February 1884.
,, ,,	2	25	Do ...	12th ,, ,,	37	....	2	..	24th ,, ,,
,, ,,	3	26	Do ...	15th ,, ,,	47	... ..	3	.....	3rd March ,,
,, ,,	6	27	Do.	16th ,, ,,	91	.....	6	... ..	28th February ,,
,, ,,	3	28	Cachar ...	18th ,, ,,	47	2	... ..	9th March 1884	
,, ,,	5	29	Sylhet ..	20th ,, ,,	95	.....	7	.....	3rd March 1884.
,, ,,	5	30	Do. ..	21st ,, ,,	110	.....	3	.....	3rd ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	31	Do. ...	22nd ,, ,,	52	.....	1	.....	3rd ,, ,,
,, ,,	3	32	Do. ...	23rd ,, ,,	48	.....	.....	.....	13th ,, ,,
,, ,,	3	33	Do. ...	27th ,, ,,	49	... ..	3	.....	9th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	34	Do. ...	27th ,, ,,	36	.. ..	.	.	17th ,, ,,
,, .	3	35	Cachar ...	29th ,, ,,	43	.....	.....	20th March 1884	
March ,,	1	36	Sylhet ...	3rd March ,,	10	... ..	3	... .	25th March 1884.
,, ,,	2	37	Do. ...	3rd ,, ,,	47	.. ..	6	.	25th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	38	Cachar	8th ,, ,,	36	... ..	.....	31st March 1884	
,, ,,	4	39	Sylhet ...	6th ,, ,,	74	... ..	4	.....	27th March 1884.
,, ,,	1	40	Do ...	6th ,, ,,	28	.....	1	.	20th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	41	Cachar ...	7th ,, ,,	30	2	... ..	28th March 1884	
,, ,,	2	42	Do. ...	11th ,, ,,	20	2	. ..	2nd April 1884	
,, ,,	3	43	Sylhet ..	12th ,, ,,	44	.	3	... ..	20th March 1884.
,, ,,	2	44	Do. ...	13th ,, ,,	38	.....	... .	.....	2nd April ,,
,, ,,	3	45	Do ...	13th ,, ,,	48	.....	13	...	9th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	46	Cachar ..	15th ,, ,,	7	.....	...	7th April 1884	
,, ,,	1	47	Sylhet ...	15th ,, ,,	13	.....	2	.. ..	7th April 1884.
,, ,,	4	48	Do. ..	21st ,, ,,	77	.....	7	.....	3rd ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	49	Do. ...	21st ,, ,,	8	.....	.....	.....	7th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	50	Do. .	22nd ,, ,,	25	... ..	1	.....	4th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	51	Do. ,,	31st ,, ,,	38	. ..	1	.....	21st ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	52	Do.	31st ,, ,,	13	...	.....	... .	14th ,, ,,
,, ,,	3	53	Cachar	31st ,, ,,	44	2	.....	.	.....
April ,,	1	54	Sylhet ...	3rd April ,,	19	.....	.....	23rd April 1884	
,, ,,	1	55	Do ...	7th ,, ,,	13	... ..	... .	.. ..	22nd April 1884.
,, ,,	2	56	Cachar ...	7th ,, ,,	39	1	.....	.. ..	20th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	57	Do. ...	14th ,, ,,	22	2	.....	6th May 1884	
,, ,,	1	58	Sylhet .	18th ,, ,,	22	. ..	... .	15th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	59	Do. ...	18th ,, ,,	18	... ..	.....	.....	3rd May 1884.
,, ,,	3	60	Cachar ...	21st ,, ,,	44	4	.....	20th May 1884	14th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	62	Sylhet ...	20th ,, ,,	22	....	7	.....	.....
,, ,,	1	63	Cachar ...	26th ,, ,,	13	. ..	.....	24th May 1884	23rd May 1884.
,, ,,	2	64	Do ..	28th ,, ,,	36	... ..	. ..	30th ,, ,,	....
,, ,,	1	65	Sylhet ...	30th ,, ,,	22	.....	1	.....	.....
May ,,	1	66	Cachar ...	3rd May ,,	17	.....	.....	29th May 1884	12th May 1884.
,, ,,	1	67	Do.	5th ,, ,,	12	... ..	.....	25th ,, ,,	....
,, ,,	2	68	Sylhet	5th ,, ,,	33	.....	1	... ..	.. ..
,, ,,	1	69	Cachar .	5th ,, ,,	11	.....	....	24th May 1884	29th May 1884.
,, ,,	1	70	Sylhet ...	8th ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	... ..	.....
,, ,,	1	71	Do. ...	8th ,, ,,	23	.....	2	. ....	24th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	72	Do. ...	12th ,, ,,	25	... ..	3	... ..	2nd June 1884.
,, ,,	2	73	Do. ...	12th ,, ,,	38	.....	12	... ..	26th May ,,
,, ,,	1	74	Cachar .	14th ,, ,,	20	1	... ..	7th June 1884	
,, ,,	1	75	Sylhet ...	14th ,, ,,	29	.....	.....	... ..	2nd June 1884.
,, ,,	3	76	Cachar ...	19th ,, ,,	50	... ..	...	12th June 1884	
,, ,,	2	77	Sylhet ...	26th ,, ,,	40	.....	... ..	..	13th June 1884.
June ,,	3	78	Do ...	7th June ,,	48	.	.. ..	3rd July 1884	19th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	79	Cachar ...	9th ,, ,,	29	1	.....	... ..	.....
,, ,,	1	80	Sylhet ...	9th ,, ,,	25	.....	1	.....	21st June 1884.
,, ,,	2	81	Do. ...	13th ,, ,,	40	... ..	1	.....	27th ,, ,,
,, ,,	6	82	Do. ...	20th ,, ,,	92	.....	.....	.....	4th July ,,
,, ,,	1	83	Do. ...	20th ,, ,,	17	.....	.....	.....	2nd ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	84	Do. ...	25th ,, ,,	18	... ..	. ..	.....	7th ,, ,,
,, ,,	5	85	Cachar .	27th ,, ,,	57	... ..	.....	18th July 1884	.....
,, ,,	3	86	Do. ...	28th ,, ,,	39	.. ..	... ..	15th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	87	Do. ...	27th ,, ,,	14	... ..	.....	18th ,, ,,	7th July 1884.
,, ,,	2	88	Sylhet ...	27th ,, ,,	24	.....	.....	.....	.....
,, ,,	2	89	Cachar ...	30th ,, ,,	24	.....	.....	18th July 1884	
,, ,,	1	90	Do. ...	30th ,, ,,	17	.. ..	.....	18th ,, ,,	21st July 1884.
July ,,	1	91	Sylhet ...	3rd July ,,	15	.....	.....	.....	14th ,, ,,
,, ,,	3	92	Do. ...	3rd ,, ,,	47	... ..	... ..	20th July 1884	.....
,, ,,	3	93	Cachar ..	4th ,, ,,	36	.....	.....	.....	31st July 1884.
,, ,,	2	94	Sylhet ...	6th ,, ,,	28	.....	.. .	.....	15th August ,,
,, ,,	1	95	Do. ...	24th ,, ,,	20	... ..	.....	... ..	5th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	96	Do. ...	24th ,, ,,	10	.....	.....		

STATEMENT II B—*continued.*

Return showing number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo and Kooshtea by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet during the year 1884.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	
MONTH.	Number of boats of each description carrying emigrants.	Number of way-bills.	Names of labour districts to which emigrants are conveyed.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE PASSAGE TO LABOUR DISTRICTS		DATE OF ARRIVAL AT LABOUR DISTRICTS.	
						Cachar.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Sylhet.
August 1884	1	97	Cachar ...	1st August 1884	25	.....	.....	23rd August 1884	.....
,, ,,	2	98	Sylhet ..	8th ,, ,,	25	.....	.....	..	27th August 1884.
,, ,,	1	99	Cachar ..	11th ,, ,,	8	.....	.....	11th September ,,	,,
September ,,	2	100	Do. ...	15th September,,	25	.....	.....	4th October ,,	...
,, ,,	2	101	Do.	19th ,, ,,	23	.....	.....	14th ,, ,,	.. ...
,, ,,	2	102	Do. ...	25th ,, ,,	45	.....	.....	18th ,, ,,	.....
October ,,	1	103	Do ...	17th October ,,	27	.....	.....	5th November ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	104	Sylhet ...	23rd ,, ,,	20	.....	.....	.....	5th November 1884.
,, ,,	1	105	Do. ...	28th ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	.....	10th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	106	Cachar ...	28th ,, ,,	27	.....	.....	19th ,, ,,	...
November ,,	1	107	Sylhet ...	7th November,,	9	.....	.....	.....	21st November 1884.
,, ,,	1	108	Do ..	17th ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	.. ..	1st December ,,
,, ,,	2	109	Cachar	22nd ,, ,,	41	1	.....	15th December ,,	...
,, ,,	1	110	Do. ...	25th ,, ,,	20	1	.....	22nd ,, ,,	. .
,, ,,	1	111	Sylhet ...	25th ,, ,,	19	.....	.....	...	8th December 1884
December ,,	1	112	Cachar ...	1st December ,,	19	.....	.....	23rd December ,,	..
,, ,,	1	113	Sylhet ...	1st ,, ,,	12	.....	.....	.....	12th December 1884.
,, ,,	1	114	Do. ...	5th ,, ,,	18	.....	.....	.....	16th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	115	Do.	6th ,, ,,	40	.....	.....	.....	17th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	116	Cachar	15th ,, ,,	26	.....	.....	12th January 1885	.....
,, ,,	1	117	Sylhet ...	16th ,, ,,	17	.....	.....	.....	27th December 1884.
,, ,,	2	118	Do. ...	23rd ,, ,,	46	.....	1	.....	5th January 1885.
GRAND TOTAL	235				5,775	27	106		

GOALUNDO,

The 9th March 1885.

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STATEMENT III.

Return showing how Emigrants despatched from Goalundo and Kooshtea were recruited.

1	2		3		4		5		6		7		
MONTH	Registered in their districts on behalf of contractors at Calcutta.		Registered and contracted in their districts through garden sardars.		Registered in their districts on behalf of contractors and contracted at place of embarkation		Arrived as free emigrants but were registered on behalf of contractors and contracted at place of embarkation		Proceeded as free emigrants independently of Emigration Act.		Total		REMARKS.
	Labourers.	Dependents	Labourers	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
January 1884	509	193	7	4	207	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	723	293	
February ,,	565	217	66	43	341	178	.....	.....	.....	.....	972	437	
March ,,	381	195	102	80	293	213	.....	.....	.....	.....	776	488	
April ,,	238	144	6	.....	82	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	385	169	
May ,,	196	98	4	3	163	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	363	154	
June ,,	223	76	11	15	251	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	490	205	
July ,,	88	31	.....	.....	61	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	129	49	
August ,,	69	15	.....	.....	19	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	21	
September ,,	101	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101	23	
October ,,	100	27	.....	.....	28	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	33	
November ,,	223	73	34	31	37	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	294	109	
December ,,	134	49	36	25	94	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	264	98	
Total ...	2,892	1,130	265	170	1,556	748	...	.....	.....	..	4,713	2,048	

GOALUNDO,

The 9th March 1885.

V. RICHARDS,

Supdt. of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT

Return of Mortality, &c., among the Classes of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo

Year.	1. Number arrived at the Place of Embarkation. Labourers. Assam. Male.	Labourers. Assam. Female.	Labourers. Cachar. Male.	Labourers. Cachar. Female.	Labourers. Sylhet. Male.	Labourers. Sylhet. Female.	Dependents. Adults. Assam. Male.	Adults. Assam. Female.	Adults. Cachar. Male.	Adults. Cachar. Female.	Adults. Sylhet. Male.	Adults. Sylhet. Female.	Children. Assam. Male.	Children. Assam. Female.	Children. Cachar. Male.	Children. Cachar. Female.	Children. Sylhet. Male.	Children. Sylhet. Female.	Infants. Assam. Male.	Infants. Assam. Female.	Infants. Cachar. Male.	Infants. Cachar. Female.	Infants. Sylhet. Male.	Infants. Sylhet. Female.	Total. Labourers.	Total. Dependents.	Number remaining. Labourers. Assam. Male.	Labourers. Assam. Female.	Labourers. Cachar. Male.	Labourers. Cachar. Female.	Labourers. Sylhet. Male.	Labourers. Sylhet. Female.	Adults. Assam. Male.	Adults. Assam. Female.	Adults. Cachar. Male.	Adults. Cachar. Female.	Adults. Sylhet. Male.	Adults. Sylhet. Female.
1883	1,992	1,163	1,006	586	1,542	841	88	70	41	38	30	57	228	199	36	59	119	93	97	81	47	38	32	44	7,006	1,506	6	2	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	1	...
1884	1,022	995	536	368	962	771	106	93	31	27	26	39	248	228	77	63	338	294	103	109	47	29	91	114	4,674	2,060	...	...	5	6	21	21	...	...	1	2	[illegible]	1

Year.	4. Particular of stay at Goalundo. Deserted at Goalundo. Assam. Labourers.	Deserted. Assam. Dependents.	Deserted. Cachar. Labourers.	Deserted. Cachar. Dependents.	Deserted. Sylhet. Labourers.	Deserted. Sylhet. Dependents.	Total. Labourers.	Total. Dependents.	5. Discharged under sections 45 and 47. Assam. Labourers.	Discharged. Assam. Dependents.	Discharged. Cachar. Labourers.	Discharged. Cachar. Dependents.	Discharged. Sylhet. Labourers.	Discharged. Sylhet. Dependents.	Total. Labourers.	Total. Dependents.	6. Remaining at the end of the year 1884. Assam. Labourers.	Remaining. Assam. Dependents.	Remaining. Cachar. Labourers.	Remaining. Cachar. Dependents.	Remaining. Sylhet. Labourers.	Remaining. Sylhet. Dependents.	Total. Labourers.	Total. Dependents.	Total of columns 3, 4, 5, and 6. Labourers.	Total of columns 3, 4, 5, and 6. Dependents.	Number started from the Labourers. Assam. Male.	Labourers. Assam. Female.	Labourers. Cachar. Male.	Labourers. Cachar. Female.	Labourers. Sylhet. Male.	Labourers. Sylhet. Female.	Adults. Assam. Male.	Adults. Assam. Female.	Adults. Cachar. Male.	Adults. Cachar. Female.	Adults. Sylhet. Male.	Adults. Sylhet. Female.
1883	...	...	10	1	37	...	47	1	8	...	...	...	3	2	11	2	...	..	7	4	42	10	49	14	117	21	1,989	1,154	993	517	1,487	811	90	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	78	55
1884	...	...	...	...	34	12	34	12	2	.	3	1	...	1	5	2	..	...	1	...	3	1	4	1	76	40	1,020	992	541	376	961	756	106	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	118	94

Year.	9. Casualties by Water. Deserted. Assam. Souls.	Deserted. Cachar and Sylhet. Souls.	Left behind. Assam. Souls.	Left behind. Cachar and Sylhet. Souls.	10. Total. Souls.	Total of columns 8, 9, and 10. Souls.	Number arrived at Labourers. Assam. Male.	Labourers. Assam. Female.	Labourers. Cachar. Male.	Labourers. Cachar. Female.	Labourers. Sylhet. Male.	Labourers. Sylhet. Female.	Adults. Assam. Male.	Adults. Assam. Female.	Adults. Cachar. Male.	Adults. Cachar. Female.	Adults. Sylhet. Male.	Adults. Sylhet. Female.
1883	3	64	...	...	67	120	1,982	1,150	954	507	1,458	803	87	67	39	34	78	54
1884	1	17	...	...	18	175	1,000	989	521	358	926	731	101	90	34	34	114	92

GOALUNDO,

The 9th March 1885.

IV.

and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet during the year 1884.

2 — FROM PREVIOUS YEAR. — Dependents.

Children Assam Male.	Children Assam Female.	Children Cachar Male.	Children Cachar Female.	Children Sylhet Male.	Children Sylhet Female.	Infants Assam Male.	Infants Assam Female.	Infants Cachar Male.	Infants Cachar Female.	Infants Sylhet Male.	Infants Sylhet Female.	Total Labourers.	Total Dependents.	Total number of 1 and 2 columns Labourers.	Total number of 1 and 2 columns Dependents.
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	.	...	...	17	2	7,088	1,607
...	...	1	...	3	2	...	...	..	.		2	49	14	4,723	2,084

3 — NUMBER DIED AT THE PLACE OF EMBARKATION.

Labourers Assam Male.	Labourers Assam Female.	Labourers Cachar Male.	Labourers Cachar Female.	Labourers Sylhet Male.	Labourers Sylhet Female.	Dependents Adults Assam Male.	Dependents Adults Assam Female.	Dependents Adults Cachar Male.	Dependents Adults Cachar Female.	Dependents Adults Sylhet Male.	Dependents Adults Sylhet Female.	Dependents Children Assam Male.	Dependents Children Assam Female.	Dependents Children Cachar Male.	Dependents Children Cachar Female.	Dependents Children Sylhet Male.	Dependents Children Sylhet Female.	Dependents Infants Assam Male.	Dependents Infants Assam Female.	Dependents Infants Cachar Male.	Dependents Infants Cachar Female.	Dependents Infants Sylhet Male.	Dependents Infants Sylhet Female.	Total Labourers.	Total Dependents.
..	...	...	4	3	3	...	...	...	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	[illegible]	4
1	2	1	...	12	17	2	2		..	4	...	1	1	...	...	8	7	...	...	...	...	3	3	[illegible]	31

7 — PLACE OF EMBARKATION. — Dependents.

Children Assam Male.	Children Assam Female.	Children Cachar Male.	Children Cachar Female.	Children Sylhet Male.	Children Sylhet Female.	Infants Assam Male.	Infants Assam Female.	Infants Cachar Male.	Infants Cachar Female.	Infants Sylhet Male.	Infants Sylhet Female.	Total Labourers.	Total Dependents.
237	109	84	54	118	90	98	83	47	31	51	43	6,956	1,489
243	228	75	63	248	219	102	110	36	30	84	113	4,647	2,016

8 — NUMBER DIED DURING THE JOURNEY BY WATER.

Labourers Assam Male.	Labourers Assam Female.	Labourers Cachar Male.	Labourers Cachar Female.	Labourers Sylhet Male.	Labourers Sylhet Female.	Dependents Adults Assam Male.	Dependents Adults Assam Female.	Dependents Adults Cachar Male.	Dependents Adults Cachar Female.	Dependents Adults Sylhet Male.	Dependents Adults Sylhet Female.	Dependents Children Assam Male.	Dependents Children Assam Female.	Dependents Children Cachar Male.	Dependents Children Cachar Female.	Dependents Children Sylhet Male.	Dependents Children Sylhet Female.	Dependents Infants Assam Male.	Dependents Infants Assam Female.	Dependents Infants Cachar Male.	Dependents Infants Cachar Female.	Dependents Infants Sylhet Male.	Dependents Infants Sylhet Female.	Total Labourers.	Total Dependents.
6	2	12	6	6	5	3	2	...	...	...	1	1	..	1	2	3	2	2		2	1	2	...	37	22
9	4	11	9	32	32	...	1	...	...	4	2	2	2	...	2	3	10	3	3	8	2	3	14	97	60

11 — DESTINATION. — Dependents.

Children Assam Male.	Children Assam Female.	Children Cachar Male.	Children Cachar Female.	Children Sylhet Male.	Children Sylhet Female.	Infants Assam Male.	Infants Assam Female.	Infants Cachar Male.	Infants Cachar Female.	Infants Sylhet Male.	Infants Sylhet Female.	Total Labourers.	Total Dependents.	Total of columns 3 and 5.	Percentage of total mortality to total number arrived at place of embarkation.	REMARKS.
226	199	81	52	115	88	96	82	45	30	49	43	6,854	1,465	73	0·85	Fifteen landed at Tespore; as their particulars are not known, therefore the number is not deducted.
243	228	75	64	234	209	99	108	34	29	83	100	4,524	1,971	221	3·46	Thirty-four left behind, 7 at Gauhati and 27 at Katigora.

V. RICHARDS,

Supdt. of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT V A.

Return showing results of Examination of Emigrants at Calcutta depôts during the year 1884.

1	2						3								4												5
NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	Number medically examined on arrival.						Number passed as fit to travel.								NUMBER REJECTED												
															For return to their homes.						For detention and treatment in depôt hospital.						
	1883.			1884.			1883.				1884.				1883.			1884.			1883.			1884.			
	Emigrants.	Dependents.	Total.	Emigrants.	Dependents.	Total.	Emigrants.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Emigrants.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Emigrants.	Dependents.	Total.	Emigrants.	Dependents.	Total.	Emigrants.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Emigrants.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	REMARKS.
Mr. O. B. Andrews ...	979	214	1,193	999	188	1,097	947	209	1,156	96·89	898	188	1,086	98·99	7	3	10	6·58	11	...	11	1·002	25	2	27	2·26	10	4	14	1·27	
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	1,661	284	1,885	839	321	1,160	1,497	266	1,763	93·53	828	320	1,148	98·96	10	1	11	0·53	12	...	12	1·03	94	17	111	5·88	71	36	107	9·22	
Mr. V. Harvey ...	1,621	303	1,924	813	317	1,130	1,490	276	1,766	96·95	801	317	1,118	98·93	16	1	17	0·88	12	...	12	1·06	15	6	21	1·09	52	21	73	6·46	
,, R. Hendry ...	929	234	1,163	533	268	801	832	213	1,045	89·85	456	236	692	86·39	15	...	15	1·29	9	1	10	1·24	82	21	103	6·88	68	31	99	12·35	
Baboo B. P. Mitter ...	699	128	827	407	145	552	647	123	770	95·10	405	145	550	99·63	3	...	3	0·66	2	...	2	0·36	49	3	52	6·28	2	...	2	0·36	
Total ...	5,829	1,163	6,992	3,501	1,239	4,740	5,513	1,087	6,600	95·25	3,388	1,206	4,594	96·92	53	5	58	0·82	46	1	47	0·99	265	49	314	4·49	203	92	295	6·22	

CALCUTTA,
The 30th May 1885.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT V B.

Return showing Results of Examination of Emigrants at Goalundo and Kooshtea during the year 1884.

1	2		3		4				5
YEAR.	Number medically examined on arrival.		Number passed as fit to travel.		NUMBER REJECTED.				REMARKS.
					For return to their districts.		For detention and treatment in depôt or hospital.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
1883	7,066	1,505	6,956	1,489	13*	.....	25	9	* Out of 13, 1 rejected and 12 unwilling to emigrate, all returned to their districts.
1884	4,674	2,050	4,647	2,018	5	2	46	38	Four sent back to Calcutta, 1 released for insanity, 1 minor boy disposed of as an orphan, 1 man imprisoned and did not return.

GOALUNDO,
The 9th March 1885.

V. RICHARDS,
Supdt. of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT VI A.

Return of Depôt and other Hospitals at Calcutta.

1	2		3		4		5														6		7				8		9		10
NAMES OF DEPÔT OR OTHER HOSPITALS.	Number in hospital at the close of previous year.		Number admitted during the year under report.		Total number under treatment.		FOR WHAT DISEASES.														Number cured and discharged.		NUMBER DIED.				Number transferred to any authorized hospital.		Number returned to their homes from hospital.		
							Diarrhœa and dysentery.		Cholera.		Fever.		Small-pox.		Other diseases.								From cholera.		From other causes.						REMARKS.
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.													
Mr. O. B. Andrews ...	...	...	10	4	10	4	1	2	1	...	4	1	...	...	5	1	7	4	1	...	...	...	1	1	2	...					
Baboo B. P. Mitter ...	...	...	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...					
,, J. N. Dutt	1	...	71	36	72	36	10	13	2	...	30	10	6	9	23	4	59	21	1	...	5	4	8	10	1	...					
Mr. V. Harvey	...	...	52	20	52	20	8	8	6	1	19	3	2	...	19	7	45	15	6	1	...	5	8	1	...	...					
,, R. Hendry	...	...	68	31	68	31	10	2	2	...	29	11	...	1	27	17	64	24	2	...	1	4	4	3	...	...					
Total ...	1	...	211	91	212	91	29	25	11	1	87	25	8	10	79	29	185	64	10	1	6	14	21	16	3	...					
Depôts, Campbell's and other Hospitals	...	...	21	16	21	16	...	...	11	1	...	...	8	10	2	5	11	15	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...					

CALCUTTA,
The 30th May 1885.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

Statement VI B.

Return of depôt and other hospitals.

1	2		3		4		5										6		7				8				9		10
Names of Depôt or Other Hospital.	Number in the hospital at the close of previous year.		Number admitted during the year in report.		Total number under treatment.		For what Disease.										Number cured and discharged.		Number Died.				Number Transferred to				Number returned to their districts from hospital.		
							Diarrhœa.		Cholera.		Fever.		Small-pox.		Others.				From cholera.		From other diseases.		Government hospital.		Other authorized hospitals.				
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
Goalundo Hospital	...	...	48	33	48	36	4	2	33	30	2	3	...	...	9	1	12	8	33	30	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	All recovered cases returned to depôt.

Goalundo,

The 9th March 1885.

V. Richards,

Supdt. of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

Statement VII.

Return of Emigrants despatched to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet by Contractors in 1884.

ASSAM.

Months.	Number of Emigrants Embarked.											Mode of transit.	Deserted.	Particulars of Passage.					
	Labourers.			Dependents.										Mortality.					
														Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boy.	Girl.	Infant.	Total.	Percentage of females to males.				Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
January	130	81	211	.....	.....	19	11	15	256	62·30				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February	210	165	375	.....	.....	28	28	31	462	78·57				3	0·64	5	1·08	8	1·73
March	172	172	344	.....	.....	45	37	39	465	100				7	1·50	3	0·64	10	2·15
April	84	89	173	.....	.....	24	19	23	239	105·95				1	0·41	1	0·41	2	0·83
May	70	68	138	.....	.....	21	22	23	204	97·14				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June	63	83	146	.....	.....	12	13	12	183	131·74				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	34	64	98	.....	.....	6	8	7	119	188·13				.....	.....	1	0·84	1	0·84
August	29	34	63	.....	.....	4	4	5	76	117·24				.....	.....	1	1·31	1	1·31
September	14	12	26	.....	.....	2	1	2	31	85·71				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	15	25	40	.....	.....	5	8	4	57	166·66				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November	68	83	151	.....	.....	12	15	13	191	122·05				1	0·52	.....	.....	1	0·52
December	64	77	141	.....	.....	16	10	13	180	120·31				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	953	953	1,906	.....	.....	194	176	187	2,463	100		Steamer.	Nil.	12	0·48	11	0·44	23	0·92

CACHAR.

January	69	27	96	.....	.....	5	7	7	115	39·13			.....	3	2·66	.....	.....	3	2·66
February	72	25	97	.....	.....	11	3	5	116	34·72			.....	5	4·31	.....	.....	5	4·31
March	66	51	117	.....	.....	9	5	6	137	77·27			2	6	4·37	.....	.....	6	4·37
April	59	45	104	.....	.....	14	11	12	141	76·27			2	7	4·96	.....	.....	7	4·96
May	32	30	62	.....	.....	6	4	6	78	93·75			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June	74	58	132	.....	.....	13	14	7	166	78·37			.....	1	0·60	.....	.....	1	0·60
July	15	15	30	.....	.....	2	2	2	36	100		Boat	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
August	3	5	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	166·66			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September	40	38	78	.....	.....	5	4	5	92	95·00			5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	28	20	48	.....	.....	2	1	3	54	71·42			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November	38	18	56	.....	.....	1	2	2	61	47·36			.....	2	3·27	.....	.....	2	3·27
December	21	18	39	.....	.....	2	2	2	45	85·71			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	517	350	867	.....	.....	70	55	57	1,049	67·69			9	24	2·28	.....	.....	24	2·28

STATEMENT VII—*concluded.*

Return of Emigrants despatched to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet by Contractors in 1884—concluded.

SYLHET.

Months.	Number of Emigrants Embarked.											Mode of transit.	Deserted.	Particulars of Passage.					
	Labourers.			Dependents.										Mortality.					
														Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boy.	Girl.	Infant.	Total.	Percentage of females to males.				Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
January	104	70	174	.....	.....	24	21	20	219	67·30									
February	91	64	155	.....	.....	28	17	20	220	70·32				11	5·00			11	5·00
March	.....	.....	... ..	.....	... ..	... .	...	.....	.....	... ..				.....	... ..	... ..	... ..	.....	... ..
April	6	11	17	.....	.....	1	1	3	22	183·33				.....	... ..	... ..	... ..	.....	... ..
May	.....	...	. .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				.....	. ..	... ..	... ..	.....	... ..
June	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		Boat		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
August	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November	.....	.....	.....	... ..	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
December	5	5	10	.....	.....	1	4	3	18	100				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	206	150	356	.....	... ..	54	43	46	499	72·81				11	3·20	... ..	.....	11	3·20

ABSTRACT.

Districts.	Number of Emigrants Embarked.										Mode of transit.	Deserted.	Particulars of Passage.					
	Emigrants.			Dependents.									Mortality.					
													Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Percentage of females to 100 males.			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Assam	963	963	1,926	.....	.....	194	176	187	2,483	100	Steamer	.....	12	0·48	11	0·44	23	0·93
Cachar	517	350	867	.....	.....	70	55	57	1,049	67·69	Boat	9	24	2·28	.....	.....	24	2·28
Sylhet	206	150	356	..	.....	54	43	46	499	72·81	Do.	.....	11	3·20	.....	.....	11	3·20
Total	1,676	1,463	3,129	.....	.....	318	274	290	4,011	86·69		9	47	1·17	11	0·27	58	1·44

CALCUTTA,

The 30th May 1885.

J. GRANT,

Superintendent of Emigration.

Statement VIII A.

Statement showing the classification according to native districts or districts of residence of emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal, Behar, Orissa, Oudh, North-Western Provinces, &c, to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet via *Calcutta during the year* 1884.

	Districts of Registration.	Total number registered in each district.	Percentage of residents of district of registration to total number registered in the district	Bengal.																	Behar.										
				Burdwan.	Bankoora.	Beerbhoom.	Furreedpore.	Hazaribagh.	Hooghly.	Lohardugga.	Manbhoom.	Midnapore.	Moorshedabad.	Jessore	Nuddea.	Singhbhoom.	Santhal Pergunnahs	24-Pergunnahs.	Rungpore.	Total.	Percentage.	Bhagulpore.	Bettiah.	Purneah.	Durbhunga.	Gya.	Monghyr.	Patna	Shahabad.	Saran.	Tirhoot.	Total.	Percentage.
Bengal.	Burdwan	1,051	16·07	169	149	65	...	98	3	91	186	33	7	...	...	...	180	...	...	961		7	...	...	2	21	30	3	...	2	...	63
	Hazaribagh	789	76 15	8	6	6	...	578	...	9	29	4	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	666		...	...	...	...	55	32	...	...	...	...	23
	Southal Pergunnahs	743	58 00	2	3	...	...	67	...	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	431	...	...	513		67	...	...	4	33	124	1	...	...	...	229
	24-Pergunnahs	619	4 52	33	65	30	3	81	6	30	52	124	8	1	10	6	60	22	...	537		2	...	...	1	4	26	3	3	...	...	50
	Midnapore	514	84 63	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	6	435	...	...	...	27	1	...	...	482		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Bankoora	303	81 84	6	248	...	...	...	...	2	32	9	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	299		2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
	Manbhoom	267	67 41	1	...	...	...	22	...	21	180	...	...	...	...	30	11	...	...	265		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Beerbhoom	96	22 91	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	63	...	...	91		...	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	5
	Lohardugga	37	78 37	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Furreedpore	15	33·33	...	...	3	5	...	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	4,404	.....	220	483	126	8	846	9	185	494	608	20	1	10	65	774	23	1	3,678	82·60	78	...	2	7	120	229	7	3	2	2	449
Behar.	Monghyr	189	43 88	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	48		...	...	...	...	51	79	2	...	...	...	132
	Gya	145	84 82	...	...	...	...	15	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20		...	...	...	...	123	2	...	...	...	...	125
	Patna	22	80 36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		...	...	...	...	3	...	19	...	...	...	22
	Bhagulpore	13	15 38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		2	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	13
	Shahabad	4	100·00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4
	Total	364	.....	...	...	...	...	15	...	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	68	18·39	2	...	...	...	177	92	21	4	...	...	296
Orissa	Cuttack	9	55 55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	9	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Grand Total	4,777	.....	220	483	126	8	861	9	237	494	608	20	1	10	65	775	23	1	3,946		80	...	2	7	297	320	28	7	2	2	746

Statement VIII A—*concluded.*

Statement showing the classification according to native districts or districts of residence of emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal, Behar, Orissa, Oudh, North-Western Provinces, &c., to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet vià *Calcutta during the year* 1884.

	Districts and Registration.	Orissa.				Oudh.			North-Western Provinces.								Central India.				Miscellaneous.			
		Balasore.	Cuttack.	Total.	Percentage.	Fyzabad.	Total.	Percentage.	Azimgarh.	Allahabad.	Benares.	Balliah.	Ghazipore.	Mirzapore.	Total.	Percentage.	Nowpore.	Bilaspore.	Total.	Percentage.	Madras.	Rangoon.	Total.	Percentage.
Bengal.	Burdwan	...	1	1	1·93	1	1	0·06	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	0·35	1	.....	1	0·20	.....	.....	.....	0·16
	Hazaribagh	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Sonthal Perrunnahs	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	24-Pergunnahs	5	7	12		1	1		2	.....	.....	3	6	2	13		1	.....	1		3	3	6	
	Midnapore	22	9	31		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Bankoora	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Manbhoom	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	6	6		.....	.....	.....	
	Furreedpore	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Total	27	17	44		2	2		3	.....	2	3	6	2	16		2	6	10		3	3	6	
Behar.	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Gya	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Patna	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Shahabad	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
	Total	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	5	5		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1		.....	.....	.....		3	.....	3	
	Total	.....	5	5		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1		.....	.....	.....		3	.....	3	
	Grand Total	27	22	49		2	2		3	.....	2	3	6	3	17		2	6	10		6	3	9	

Calcutta,
The 30th May 1885.

J. Grant,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT VIII B.

Statement showing the classification according to native districts or districts of residence of emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal, Behar, Orissa, Oudh, North-Western Provinces, &c., to proceed to Cachar and Sylhet viâ *Goalundo during the year* 1884.

DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION.		Total number registered in each district.	Percentage of residents of district of registration to total number registered in the district.	DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE. BENGAL. Burdwan.	Bankoora.	Beerbhoom.	Furreedpore.	Hazaribagh.	Hooghly.	Lohardugga.	Midnapore.	Moorshedabad.	Maldah.	Manbhoom.	Nuddea.	Rajshahye.	Singbhoom.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	24-Pergunnahs.	Total.	Percentage.
BENGAL	Furreedpore	1,860	00·05	84	86	126	1	578	1	173	45	15	4	148	14	1	6	396	1	1,678	
	Hazaribagh	129	95·34	...	...	...	...	123	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	...	221	
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	111	85·28	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	101	
	Burdwan	65	36·92	24	7	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	60	
	Manbhoom	38	100·00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	
	Midnapore	17	82·35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	
	Beerbhoom	3	100·00	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
	Total	2,223	.....	108	93	140	1	704	1	172	61	15	4	186	14	1	6	510	1	2,017	87·54
BEHAR	Shahabad	55	32·72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Gya	23	100·00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total	78	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
ORISSA	Cuttack	3	66·66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	GRAND TOTAL	2,304	.....	108	93	140	1	704	1	172	61	15	4	186	14	1	6	510	1	2,017	

DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION.		DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE. BEHAR. Bhagulpore.	Durbhunga.	Gya.	Monghyr.	Patna.	Shahabad.	Tirhoot.	Total.	Percentage.	ORISSA. Balasore.	Cuttack.	Pooree.	Total.	Percentage.	NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES. Azimghur.	Balliah.	Futtehpore.	Ghazipore.	Gorucknpore.	Mainpoori.	Total.	Percentage.
BENGAL	Furreedpore	51	2	24	14	3	1	2	97		6	1	.....	7		6	1	1	22	1	3	34
	Hazaribagh	10	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	16		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Burdwan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Midnapore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		3	.....	.....	3		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	65	2	30	14	3	1	3	118	6·90	9	1	.....	10	0·56	6	1	1	22	1	3	34
BEHAR	Shahabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	18		.....	.....	.....	.....		6	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	37
	Gya	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	23		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	18	.....	41		.....	.....	.....	.....		6	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	37
ORISSA	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	2	1	3		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	GRAND TOTAL	65	2	53	14	3	19	3	159		9	3	1	13		12	1	1	22	32	3	71

DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION.		DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE—*concluded*. OUDH. Fyzabad.	Kheree.	Rae Bareilly.	Total.	Percentage.	CENTRAL INDIA. Jubbulpore.	Raipore.	Sumbulpore.	Total.	Percentage.	MISCELLANEOUS. Madras.	Total.	Percentage.
BENGAL	Furreedpore	1	1	1	3		1	20	19	40		1	1	
	Hazaribagh	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
	Burdwan	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
	Manbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
	Midnapore	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
	Total	1	1	1	3	0·18	1	20	19	40	1·73	1	1	0·04
BEHAR	Shahabad	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
	Gya	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	
ORISSA	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		1	1	
	GRAND TOTAL	1	1	1	3		1	20	19	40		1	1	

CALCUTTA,
The 30th May 1885.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT IX.

Statement of Mortality among the Crew and Passengers other than Emigrants on board the Steamers to Assam during the year 1884.

INDIA GENERAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHS.	NAMES OF VESSELS.	MORTALITY AMONG CREW AND PASSENGERS OTHER THAN EMIGRANTS.										Grand total of deaths.
		CREW.			PASSENGERS.							
					European.			Native.			Total deaths amongst passengers.	
		From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.		
February 1884	"Sunia"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	1
March ,,	"Dhubri"	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Do. ,,	"Agra"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	2
Do. ,,	"Sudyia"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	1
	Total ...	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4	4	5

RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

It is reported that there were no deaths during the year amongst the crew and non-emigrant passengers on board the vessels of the above-named Company.

CALCUTTA,

The 30th May 1885.

J. GRANT,

Superintendent of Emigration.

A. E. deS & others.—Reg. No. 3828J—290—2-7-85.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

INLAND EMIGRATION.

CALCUTTA, THE 29TH AUGUST 1885.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Report on Inland Emigration for the year 1884.

The Report is submitted by Dr. Grant, who was in charge of the Department throughout the year. In addition to the report for the year, the Superintendent of Emigration has submitted a special report called for by the Secretary of State on the working of Act I of 1882 during the three years from 1882 to 1884. This special report is now under the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor, and will form the subject of a separate communication to the Government of India, in which the working of the Inland Emigration Act will be thoroughly reviewed and proposals for its amendment discussed. The present Resolution, therefore, will deal only with the history of Inland Emigration from these Provinces during 1884, as described in Dr. Grant's annual report.

2. The following administrative changes, some of which had been long under discussion, were carried out in the course of the year:—

(1) With the sanction of the Government of India, the separate administration of the Labour Transport Fund was introduced in Bengal and Assam from the 1st April 1884. The surplus balance of the Fund at the end of 1883-84, viz. Rs. 47,100-2-3, was divided between Assam and Bengal in the proportion of three-fourths (Rs. 35,325-1-8) to the former, and one fourth (Rs. 11,775-0-7) to the latter Province. It was further arranged that any actual deficit in the accounts of the Bengal Fund, the receipts of which are now comparatively small, should be made good by the Assam Administration.

(2) A further reduction of clerks in the Emigration offices at Goalundo and Calcutta has effected a saving of Rs. 440 a year in addition to the annual saving of Rs. 1,080 effected by reduction of establishment in 1883.

(3) In consequence of the mortality which occurred among emigrants on the railway journey to Assam, arrangements were sanctioned in April 1884 for their medical inspection at Magra on the right bank of the Hooghly river opposite Kanchrapara. Later in the year provision was made by the Northern Bengal State Railway to enable emigrants to halt at Jaipur Hât (half-way between Sara and Kaunia) for meals and for medical inspection. These arrangements seem to have worked well; but it remains to be seen whether the opportunities afforded for rest and refreshment during a long and exhausting journey are frequent enough to prevent outbreaks of disease.

3. Some correspondence took place with the Chief Commissioner of Assam regarding the boat journey of emigrants going to Cachar and Sylhet. The Chief Commissioner urged the establishment of a river police at Goalundo to control the traffic of boats carrying sardari and free emigrants, and suggested that native boats should not be allowed to carry emigrants at all unless provided with water tanks filled with pure water at Goalundo. After some discussion it was found by this Government to be impracticable, in the existing state of the law, to control the movements of free and sardari emigrants embarked by boat in numbers under twenty. To amend the law, on the other hand, would involve undertaking to supervise and regulate the conditions of all passenger traffic on the rivers of Eastern Bengal. The Government of India concurred in this view, and observed that the only efficient check upon excessive mortality during the boat journey of emigrants to the Surma valley seemed likely to be found in the establishment of speedy communication, such as the daily steamers plying on the Brahmaputra have supplied for the Brahmaputra valley districts, and in sanitary conservancy of the Sylhet and Cachar rivers. A definite scheme for a subsidized steamer service to Sylhet and Cachar, which would reduce the duration of the journey from three weeks to about four days, is now under consideration.

4. Emigration operations during 1884 were characterized by a further development of free or unregistered emigration, by a very large increase in the number of emigrants recruited by certificated garden sardars and by a decrease in the operations of licensed contractors and recruiters.

Information regarding emigration from Bengal to the tea districts of Assam is obtained—

(1) From the monthly returns sent to the Superintendent of Emigration by registering officers in Bengal. On these returns the Superintendent's annual report is based.

(2) From the record kept under the orders of the Assam administration at Dhubri, through which place all emigrants going to the Assam valley districts must pass.

Of free or unregistered emigrants the only statistics are those recorded at Dhubri, the estimates of Bengal district officers on the subject being for the most part little more than conjecture. No accurate information is available regarding the numbers of free emigrants who proceed to Cachar and Sylhet.

5. The results of registered recruiting carried on by the two agencies provided by the Act, viz. (*a*) by licensed contractors and their recruiters, and (*b*) by certificated garden sardars, may be stated as follows:—

(*a*) 211 licensed recruiters working under 6 contractors registered in the recruiting districts 7,081 emigrants and dependants, of whom 4,777 were intended for transmission *viâ* Calcutta to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet, and 2,304 were intended for transmission *viâ* Goalundo (without passing through Calcutta) to Cachar and Sylhet only.

(*b*) 3,183 garden sardars certificated under the Act, of whom 3,063 were under the control of 33 local agents, registered 24,205* emigrants and dependants for transmission to the tea districts, of whom 13,970* were registered to proceed direct *viâ* Dhubri, and 10,235 were registered to proceed *viâ* Calcutta, Goalundo, and Kushtea.

* These figures are not to be found in Dr Grant's report, but have been separately furnished by him

The two agencies authorized by the law, therefore, collected in all 31,286 emigrants for transmission to the tea districts. Each licensed recruiter on an average registered 33·56 emigrants, and each garden sardar registered 7·60 emigrants. Some explanation of the difference between the average numbers of emigrants recruited by garden sardars and by licensed recruiters was attempted in paragraph 5 of the Resolution on the report for 1883. To those remarks it may be added that a garden sardar having collected a single batch of emigrants conducts them himself to the tea districts, whereas a recruiter generally obtains several batches of emigrants during the year, and, without leaving his recruiting ground, forwards them to the contractor under whom he works for despatch to Assam from the depôt. Thus a recruiter's operations are practically continuous, and are not interrupted by a long journey to a distant tea garden in Assam. Besides the 31,286 emigrants recruited and registered by the two licensed agencies abovenamed, it appears from the Resolution by the Chief Commissioner of Assam on the Report on Immigration *viâ* Dhubri in 1884, that 12,199 free or unregistered emigrants reached Dhubri during the year, of whom 7,863 labourers with 3,916 dependants entered into local contracts under section 111 of Act 1 of 1882, and then went on to the tea gardens of the Assam Valley districts, and the remaining 420 proceeded to the tea gardens without contract under the Act In 1883 10,096 free or unregistered emigrants reached Dhubri, of whom 7,026 with 2,363 dependants executed local contracts at Dhubri, and 707 continued their journey without having contracted under the Act.

6. In comparing the results of the operations of licensed recruiters and certificated sardars, Dr. Grant gives the following table showing the statistics of each class of emigrants registered during the last four years, exclusive of sardari emigrants registered to proceed direct *viâ* Dhubri:—

Year	Contractors' registered emigrants	Sardars' registered emigrants	Total	Percentage of sardars' to contractors emigrants
1881	6,415	2 379	8,794	37 0
1882	7,995	2,907	10,902	36 3
1883	9 8,5	5,291	15 167	54 59
1884	7,081	10,235	17,316	69 18

Registration by licensed contractors of emigrants to proceed to Assam *viâ* Dhubri without passing through the depôts at Calcutta or Goalundo has entirely ceased during the last two years, and the number of emigrants registered by contractors to proceed through the depôts declined greatly in 1884 in comparison with 1882 and 1883.

The business of recruiting labour for the gardens of the Assam Valley districts has in fact been in great part transferred to agents having their head-quarters at Dhubri, who import emigrants free or unregistered as far as Dhubri, and there cause them to execute local contracts under section 111 of the Act. The working of this system will be considered by the Lieutenant-Governor in reporting to the Government of India on the working of Act I of 1882 during the last three years. The steady increase in the number of coolies registered by garden sardars is satisfactory as testifying to the efficacy of the provision made in Act I of 1882 for the encouragement of this method of recruiting emigrants.

7. Only one recruiter's license was cancelled during the year for misconduct, and no garden sardar's certificate was cancelled. Thirty-three persons held licenses as local agents for the supervision of garden sardars, each having on an average 92 garden sardars under him. This system seems to work well and is believed to be acceptable to many of the firms most largely interested in tea cultivation. The operations of registered contractors were on the whole satisfactorily conducted. One case is noticed in which two Bengali women were induced by an unlicensed recruiter to emigrate to Sylhet, on the understanding that they would be employed as maidservants and not required to do field work. These women, though specially warned by the Superintendent of Emigration not to rely upon any assurances that might have been given to them privately, made no complaint until they reached Sylhet. The contractor concerned was required to redeem the women's contracts and send them back to their homes, and was warned that his license would not be renewed unless his depôt was more carefully supervised in future. A criminal prosecution instituted against the unlicensed recruiter broke down for want of evidence. Abuses of this kind are, it is believed, far from uncommon; but it is obvious that credulity, such as is reported here, must frustrate all administrative precautions, and that the only safeguard is the spread of intelligence among the emigrating classes, and a fuller knowledge of the conditions of coolie life in Assam. Further information should be furnished with regard to the circumstances under which the Superintendent of Emigration called upon Baboo A. T. Mookerjee to establish a cooly depôt at Calcutta, in order that better control over his business might be exercised by the Emigration authorities.

8. On the subject of free or unregistered emigration the Lieutenant-Governor reserves his remarks for the report which is about to be submitted to the Government of India.

9. In paragraph 11 of the Resolution on the report for 1883, Dr. Grant was asked to continue the attempt to ascertain the districts in which emigrants actually reside as distinguished from the districts in which they are registered. The figures furnished by him in illustration of this point are, however, incomplete, and do not suggest any very definite conclusion. Indeed, the migratory habits of many of the lower castes render the enquiry into their districts of residence a matter of minor importance. In his report on the working of Act I of 1882 during the last three years, Dr. Grant has enumerated the principal recruiting fields in these provinces for contractors and garden sardars. Within this period 20,799* emigrants were registered by contractors, and 43,119 emigrants were registered by garden sardars in Bengal districts. The garden sardars recruited chiefly in Chota Nagpore, in the Sonthal Pergunnahs, and in the districts of South Behar; but they took emigrants also from Midnapore, Bankoora, and Burdwan, and a few from other districts. The contractors registered more than 43 per cent. of their emigrants in the 24-Pergunnahs and Burdwan. They also collected many emigrants in the Sonthal Pergunnahs, and, like the garden sardars, they got the rest of their emigrants chiefly in the districts of South Behar, in Chota Nagpore, in Midnapore, and in Bankoora, and a sprinkling from elsewhere. Contractor's labourers were accompanied by 21·2 per cent. of dependants, while in the case of sardari labourers the percentage

* It is observed that this figure does not agree with the total (24,951) for these three years as stated in Dr. Grant's Annual Reports.

of dependants rose to 66·04 owing, it is stated, to the stronger influence exercised by garden sardars in inducing families to emigrate.

10. Of the 5,001 contractors' emigrants registered during the year, and remaining in the mofussil depôts at the close of 1883, there arrived in the Calcutta depôts 4,740 persons. This reduction of numbers is thus accounted for:—

At Mofussil depôts—detained 3, discharged 150, deserted 43, died none: total 196 or 4·10 per cent.

On journey to Calcutta—deserted 64, died 2: total 66 or 1·37 per cent.

The deductions amounted in all therefore to 262 or 5·48 per cent. as against 7·61 per cent. of deductions up to arrival in the Calcutta depôts for the year 1883. The improvement is satisfactory.

11. Of 2,304 emigrants registered for transmission direct *vid* Goalundo to Cachar and Sylhet, 2,268 arrived at Goalundo (including one born on the journey), and 37 have to be deducted for casualties in the journey, of whom it is stated that 10 were left behind, 24 deserted, and 3 died. The percentage of deduction, which is only 1·6, is very small as compared with that for 1883, in which year 13·09 per cent. of the emigrants registered for Goalundo direct were recorded to have deserted.

12. Dr. Grant gives the following particulars of the stay of the 4,740 emigrants who arrived in the contractors' depôts in Calcutta in 1884, to which number have to be added 343 persons remaining in the depôts from 1883. Of the total number of 5,083, 47 were rejected, 444 were discharged, 349 deserted and 31 died; 4,022 were forwarded to Goalundo and 190 were remaining in the depôts at the end of the year. The year was an unhealthy one in the depôts, and both cholera and small-pox prevailed to some extent, the former disease causing 11 deaths; 17 persons were attacked by small-pox, but no death occurred from this disease—a result which Dr. Grant attributes to the system of segregation which was followed, and to the fact that all emigrants were vaccinated on admission into the depôts. The percentage of sick persons admitted into the depôt hospitals was 6 3 per cent. of the total admissions into the depôts as against 5·2 in 1883, and the percentage of mortality was 6·5 per mille of the total admissions into the depôts in 1884 as against 1·2 per mille in the preceding year. Dr. Grant remarks that the medical inspections of the depôts have been thorough and useful, and that the depôt hospitals have never been in a higher state of efficiency.

13. Altogether 6,359 persons were accommodated in the Goalundo depôts during the year, viz. 4,022 despatched from the Calcutta depôts (who all arrived safely at Goalundo), 2,268 persons who reached Goalundo direct from the recruiting districts, six children born at Goalundo, and 63 persons remaining in the Goalundo depôts from 1883. Of these 6,359 persons 6,238 actually embarked by steamer and country boats for the labour districts, leaving 121 who are accounted for in the following manner:—46 deserted, 63 died, 4 were released from engagements, 3 were rejected, and 5 remained in depôts at the end of the year. The Embarkation Agent, Dr. Richards, writes: "The greater loss was due mainly to the very great increase in the mortality from cholera which was prevalent during the year under review," and this, he adds "notwithstanding constant attention to sanitary and conservancy arrangements. The water used is invariably filtered, and so far as appearances and taste are concerned is perfectly pure."

14. Of the emigrants actually despatched from Goalundo 2,890 including 427 sardari emigrants embarked in steamers for Assam, and the remainder embarked in country boat for Cachar (1,186), and Sylhet (2,589). The average length of the voyage from Goalundo to Dibrugarh of the steamers which conveyed emigrants during the year was 15 days and 18 hours; on nine of 40 trips cholera occurred on the steamers, causing 13 deaths among the Goalundo emigrants, and there were 11 deaths on the voyages from other causes. It therefore appears that 2,866 of the emigrants who embarked by steamer from Goalundo arrived in the tea districts. Of the 3,775 contractors' emigrants who embarked by boat for Sylhet and Cachar, 36 deserted and 43 died on the journey; 36 of the 43 deaths were caused by cholera. The mortality from cholera on the boat journey, which has always characterized

emigration to the Surma Valley, has formed the subject of correspondence to which allusion has been made above.

15. Paragraphs 8 to 12 of this Resolution have followed Dr. Grant's history of the contractors' registered emigrants. Very little information is given in the Report with regard to sardari registered emigrants further than the statement that of the 10,253 sardari emigrants registered to proceed to the tea districts by routes other than Dhubri, 9,492 were intended for transmission to the Surma Valley (viz. 5,674 for Cachar and 3,618 for Sylhet). It is also stated that 428 more of these took steamer at Goalundo for Assam. It may be assumed that so many of the remaining 315 persons as accomplished their journey safely are included in the 13,841 sardari emigrants who are stated in the Report on Immigration *viâ* Dhubri in 1884 to have reached Dhubri during the year. How many of the 10,235 sardari emigrants registered in 1884 for transmission otherwise than *viâ* Dhubri reached their destination cannot be precisely ascertained. It has been stated above that 13,970 emigrants were registered by garden sardars in Bengal districts during the year in order to travel by the direct route to Dhubri. If, therefore, all the 13,841 sardari emigrants who arrived at Dhubri were registered in Bengal districts, it would appear that a small percentage only of the number origiually registered was lost on the way.

It is known that the sardari emigrants for the most part travel by railway to Magra railway station on the East Indian Railway, where they cross the Hooghly river and go to Kanchrapara station on the Eastern Bengal Railway. Thence emigrants for Assam proper travel by railway to Kaunia, and those for the Surma Valley to Goalundo. Sardars are bound by the conditions of their way-bills to bring up their batches of emigrants for inspection at places named in the way-bill. Dr. Grant writes that these way-bills were last year produced with greater regularity than in former years, but that information with regard to the journey of sardari emigrants is still incomplete. Under section 153 of the Inland Emigration Act, failure to prevent a way-bill is punishable with fine up to Rs. 20; but the Bengal officers who issue the way-bill in any particular case have no means of ascertaining whether its provisions are complied with, and it is only Assam officers who are in a position to institute prosecutions under that section. The point will be brought to the notice of the Chief Commissioner of Assam, with the object of securing his co-operation in enforcing compliance with the law.

16. Dr. Grant's report contains no information on the interesting subject of the period of the contract entered into by the registered emigrant, nor does it show the precise working of the change in the law by which the limit has been extended from three years to five years. The Resolutions of the Chief Commissioner of Assam on immigration through Dhubri show that the number of five-year contracts executed by labourers of all kinds who passed through Dhubri rose from 35 per cent. in 1882 to 38 per cent. in 1883 and to 57 per cent. in 1884. Of contracts registered at Dhubri in 1884, 76 per cent. were for a term of five years, while the bulk (64 per cent.) of the labourers recruited by garden sardars, and registered in the districts of residence, had entered into contracts for only three years. It is requested that mention may be made in future reports of the duration of the contracts entered into by the two classes of registered emigrants.

17. The Lieutenant-Governor acknowledges the valuable work done by Dr. Grant during the year in the supervision of registered inland emigration.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

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No. 161.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, for information.

No. 162.

COPY forwarded to the Superintendent of Emigration for information. His attention is invited to paragraphs 7 and 16.

No. 163.

COPY forwarded to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam for the information of the Chief Commissioner A separate communication will be addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Assam on the subject of the way-bills of sardari emigrants.

No. 164.

COPY to the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals for information.

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